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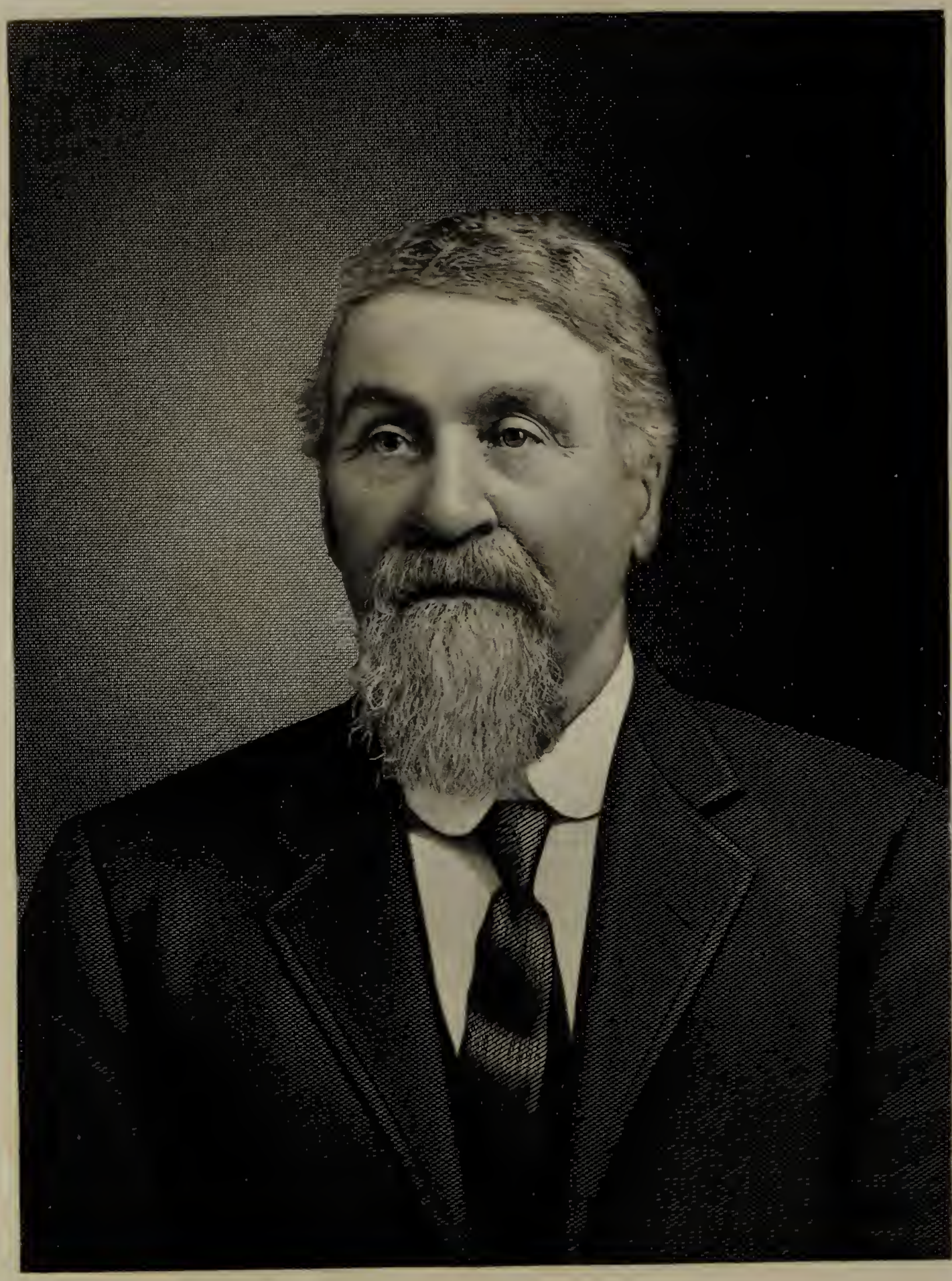


J. W. Reeder

BIOGRAPHICAL

J. W. REEDER.

J. W. Reeder, who has occupied a central place upon the stage of public activity in Tipton and Cedar county and in all things has achieved success which indicates the careful direction of his labors, his keen insight and his unfaltering perseverance, is now numbered among the capitalists of Cedar county, and the work which he has done in behalf of the public schools is an indication of his deep and abiding interest in the public welfare.

A native of Ohio, Mr. Reeder was born in the village of Goshen, Clermont county, not far from Cincinnati, on the 11th of October, 1836, his parents being George and Sophia (Straub) Reeder, the former a native of Virginia and of English descent. His grandfather, Jacob Reeder, was born in England but, coming to America in the Colonial days, participated in the Revolutionary war as an American soldier under General Washington. He afterward removed to Ohio with his wife and four sons, Michael, George, Jacob and William, and there spent his remaining days. The mother of J. W. Reeder was of German lineage, her grandparents having come from the fatherland to this country, at which time they established their home in Pennsylvania. Soon after the Revolutionary war both the paternal and maternal grandparents of Mr. Reeder emigrated to Ohio, settling near Cincinnati among the early residents of that locality. The parents of J. W. Reeder were married in Ohio and after removing westward spent their remaining days near Tipton. They had seven children: Mrs. Eliza Parks, now deceased; Mrs. Elizabeth Mason, who has also passed away; Michael, deceased; William B., of Tipton; George W., deceased; J. W., of this review; and A. C., of Tipton, who served for three years as a member of the Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war.

J. W. Reeder spent the first fourteen years of his life at the place of his nativity and then came with his parents to Cedar county. Reaching Tipton on the 11th of October, 1850, he arrived on the fourteenth anniversary of his birth after crossing the Mississippi river in a side-wheel ferryboat. The family had driven from Ohio and were three weeks upon the road. J. W. Reeder later was closely and prominently connected with the educational progress of Iowa, entering the district school at Goshen when six years of age, at which time he had already mastered the alphabet and the numeration table and could print his name in capitals. He had been taught to believe that a school teacher had but little love and less compassion for a dull boy and that the application of the rod would create aptness in learning as well as prove an antidote for disobedience. From that time until he reached the age of sixteen his time was about evenly divided between attending school and performing the work of field and meadow. He supplemented his early educational privileges by study in the Upper Iowa Conference Seminary at Mount Vernon and he was not only a pupil in the institution but was often called upon to hear recitations in the absence of the teacher. This encouraged him to study the methods and acquaint himself with the elements that enter into and make up the character and tactics of a successful teacher. He completed a course in the high school of Tipton and in 1857 began teaching in the country schools, notwithstanding his father's desire that he should assume the management of the farm. From the first his ability as a teacher was manifest. The three directors of the school district in which he made application for a school favored him, stipulating only that he must maintain discipline. He had an average attendance of fifty-five pupils, while sixty-six were enrolled. That he was successful during the term of three months was indicated by the fact that he was employed to teach two more weeks at the close of that period. He was offered the school again the following year but returned to the seminary at Mount Vernon to resume his studies and later entered the Tipton high school, where he remained until the following winter, when he was employed to teach a four-months district school at twenty-eight dollars per month. He there not only faced the situation of teaching well advanced pupils but also had to harmonize the discordant factions. The task was successfully accomplished and he then returned to resume his studies in the Tipton high school. After another winter term in the district schools, he was chosen principal of the grammar department at Tipton. He entered upon his duties April 9, 1859, and bent every energy to the task of establishing a school of high grade and character. The following year he was again chosen for the position at an increased salary and when it was decided to divide the school at Bethel, having the high school in the Methodist Episcopal church and the younger students in the schoolhouse, Mr. Reeder was appointed principal and teacher of the high school. During the time when the legality of the free school law was under advisement by the supreme court of the state, teachers received only school orders pending the legality of the new school law and received no remuneration until the law went into effect, by order of the court. Mr. Reeder continued to teach in Tipton for two years and altogether in the Cedar county schools for ten years.

He then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and the live-stock business, becoming well known as a farmer, feeder and shipper. About thirty-five

Sarah. E. Reeder.

years have been devoted to this line of business and as his financial resources have increased, Mr. Reeder has made extensive investments in real estate and is now the owner of eight hundred and eighty-five acres of valuable land adjoining Tipton. In fact he is one of the largest landowners of the county. His extensive tract is all in one body and is only a quarter of a mile north of the county seat. Through his own efforts Mr. Reeder has become one of the prosperous residents of this part of the state and deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, as his success has all been won through his earnest efforts and intelligently directed labors. He was one of the original directors of the Cedar County State Bank, with which he has transacted business since 1881, serving through the entire time as one of the directors. In connection with his brother, A. C. Reeder, he shipped live stock to Chicago and other markets for thirty-one years, under the name of Reeder Brothers. He ably and satisfactorily adjusted the business in connection with the Joseph E. Lee estate of Mechanicsville, one of the largest estates in the county at that time, and in connection with his brother A. C. Reeder, he has been a trustee for the large estate of P. J. Friend for twenty-seven years. With great faith in Cedar county he has invested nearly all of his business capital in property here and in addition to his farm lands, he erected the J. W. Reeder block, containing three large rooms on the first floor with offices on the second floor. It is located opposite the courthouse and is one of the most prominent blocks of the city. He was one of the organizers of the Cedar County State Bank and in all business affairs his judgment is regarded as most sound and reliable.

While carrying on an extensive farmnig and live-stock business, Mr. Reeder's interest has never abated in the cause of education but remains to the present time one of its stalwart champions. For about twenty years he was a member of the board of education in Center township and served as a director and secretary of the board. For nine years he was also a member of the board of trustees of Cornell College at Mount Vernon, from which institution six of his children have graduated. He withholds his cooperation from no movement which he believes will promote the educational progress of the locality.

In his political views Mr. Reeder is an earnest republican and has always taken a citizen's interest in the political situation and questions of the day. His many friends in Tipton in 1905 requested him to become a candidate for the state legislature but owing to the extent of his business interests he declined the proffered honor. At the primaries held June 7, 1910, however, he received the republican nomination for representative, carrying every ward in Tipton and Center township, where he has lived for sixty years, by a majority of over one hundred and the county by a majority of one hundred and sixty-four.

His religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, with which he has been identified since 1854. He has been untiring in his efforts in behalf of the church and for about thirty years he was superintendent of the Bethel Sunday school. Since removing from the farm to Tipton in 1896 he has been a teacher of the first Bible class of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school and is chairman of the board of stewards, having acted also as district steward for many years. That he is an earnest champion of the temperance cause is indicated in the fact that he is an active member of the Inde-

pendent Order of Good Templars. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity.

In 1861 Mr. Reeder was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Lee, who was born in Reynoldsburg, Fairfield county, near Columbus, Ohio, August 6, 1844, and was brought to Iowa by her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. William A. Lee, in 1845. Her father was a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal church. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Reeder were born nine children: Charles, at home; Lilly Maria, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Rosella, the wife of Charles Fayram of Los Angeles, California; Arthur C., of Tipton; Luanna, the wife of Edwin Zerkle of Chicago; Ralph M., living near Tipton; William G., a practicing physician of Chicago; Herbert, at home; and Grant, a student in Rush Medical College of Chicago and a graduate of the Chicago University.

Mr. Reeder has ever been a most public-spirited citizen and has cooperated in many progressive movements for the welfare and progress of his adopted county. He was chairman of the Reunion executive committee and also planned the semi-centennial program of the Tipton union schools. He took a most active and helpful part in making that a memorable and never to be forgotten occasion. The committee selected Washington's birthday as an appropriate time for the celebration, making it a patriotic as well as reminiscent day. A most interesting program was arranged, setting forth the conditions fifty years before, and indicating as well the progress that had been made in the school system in half a century. Mr. Reeder was among those prominent in organizing the school system of Tipton under its present unified form and many other evidences of his public spirit could be cited. Whatever he undertakes he seems to carry forward to successful completion, his labors being resultant factors, while his spirit is undaunted by any difficulty or obstacle that may arise.

WENDELL WILLER.

Wendell Willer, the proprietor of the Cloverdale Stock Farm, is one of the most progressive and up-to-date agriculturists of Cedar county, his home being on section 12, Center township. He was born on the 9th of October, 1859, in Meigs county, Ohio, and is a son of George and Julia (Thress) Willer, of whom extended mention is made on another page of this volume. It was in 1865 that the family migrated to Cedar county, Iowa, and located on the present farm of our subject, where he has resided continuously since.

At an early age Wendell Willer became familiar with all of the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist and as an enterprising and energetic farmer and stock-raiser he has met with far more than ordinary success during his business career, now owning a well improved place of five hundred and thirty acres, all in one body, which includes ninety acres of the old homestead. This lies on sections 11, 12 and 13, Center township, and is finely located two miles southwest of Tipton. Raising a large amount of stock, he has two hundred and forty acres in blue grass pasture and as there is considerable clover upon the place, he has given to his farm the name of the Cloverdale Stock Farm. He

raises cattle, horses and hogs, but his specialty is Percheron horses, of which he now has a fine herd of sixty, including one imported stallion, Etonne (68536) 51,327, which is a drab gray of immense size, weighing at present two thousand one hundred and ten pounds. This horse is large of bone and has a certain style and action like a coach horse.

The Cloverdale Stock Farm is conspicuous for its fine new buildings. These include a modern up-to-date residence, which is one of the finest in this part of the county. It was erected in 1908, is two stories in height with a basement and contains twelve rooms. It is complete in all of its appointments, having all modern improvements. This is the third house that has stood upon the farm, a good residence having been torn down to erect the present magnificent home. The other buildings upon the farm are in perfect keeping with the residence, a fine large barn being built in 1901, forty-six by sixty-four feet in dimensions, with twenty-four-foot posts, also a smaller barn and hog house, machinery house, corn cribs, etc.

On the 1st of January, 1891, Mr. Willer was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Elizabeth Moffett, whose birth occurred in Center township, this county, April 27, 1867. Her parents were Samuel and Drusey (Wilkinson) Moffett. Her father, who was born in Ohio, April 16, 1843, came to this county in early life and died in Tipton, November 8, 1906. He made farming his occupation. The mother was born in Center township and now resides with our subject. She is one of a family of three children, the others being Perry W., a resident of Center township, and James Wilkinson, deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Willer have been born three children: Russell Moffett; George Caldwell, who died at the age of four years; and Paul, who died at the age of nine months. Having lost two of their sons, they are now rearing a young man by the name of Edwin Carlson.

They hold membership in St. John's Reformed church of Tipton, of which Mr. Willer is an elder, taking a very active and influential part in its work, and as a republican, he has been quite prominent in public affairs and is now serving his second term as township trustee. His fellow citizens recognize his worth and ability and no trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed. As a business man he stands deservedly high and in every relation of life he commands the respect and confidence of those with whom he is brought in contact.

AUGUST DRESSELHAUS.

August Dresselhaus, who passed away on the 3d of April, 1903, was long numbered among the substantial and representative agriculturists of Cedar county, owning and operating two hundred and sixty-four acres of rich and productive land in Inland township. His birth occurred in Germany on the 29th of June, 1841, and there he spent the first twenty-nine years of his life, carrying on general agricultural pursuits and also serving as a soldier in the German army for six years.

In 1870 Mr. Dresselhaus crossed the Atlantic to the United States, locating first in Chicago, Illinois, where he spent three months. On the expiration of that period he came to Cedar county, Iowa, and here worked as a farm hand for one year. He then rented a tract of eighty acres in Inland township and at the end of two years had accumulated sufficient capital to enable him to purchase the property. Subsequently he bought forty acres more, afterward added to his holdings by the purchase of eighty acres and still later bought another tract of sixty-four acres, so that at the time of his demise he had accumulated two hundred and sixty-four acres of valuable land in Inland township. A man of indefatigable energy, untiring industry and excellent business ability, his labors as an agriculturist were attended with a gratifying measure of success. He likewise assisted in organizing the Bennett Savings Bank, acted as its vice president for four years and was a director of the institution until the time of his death.

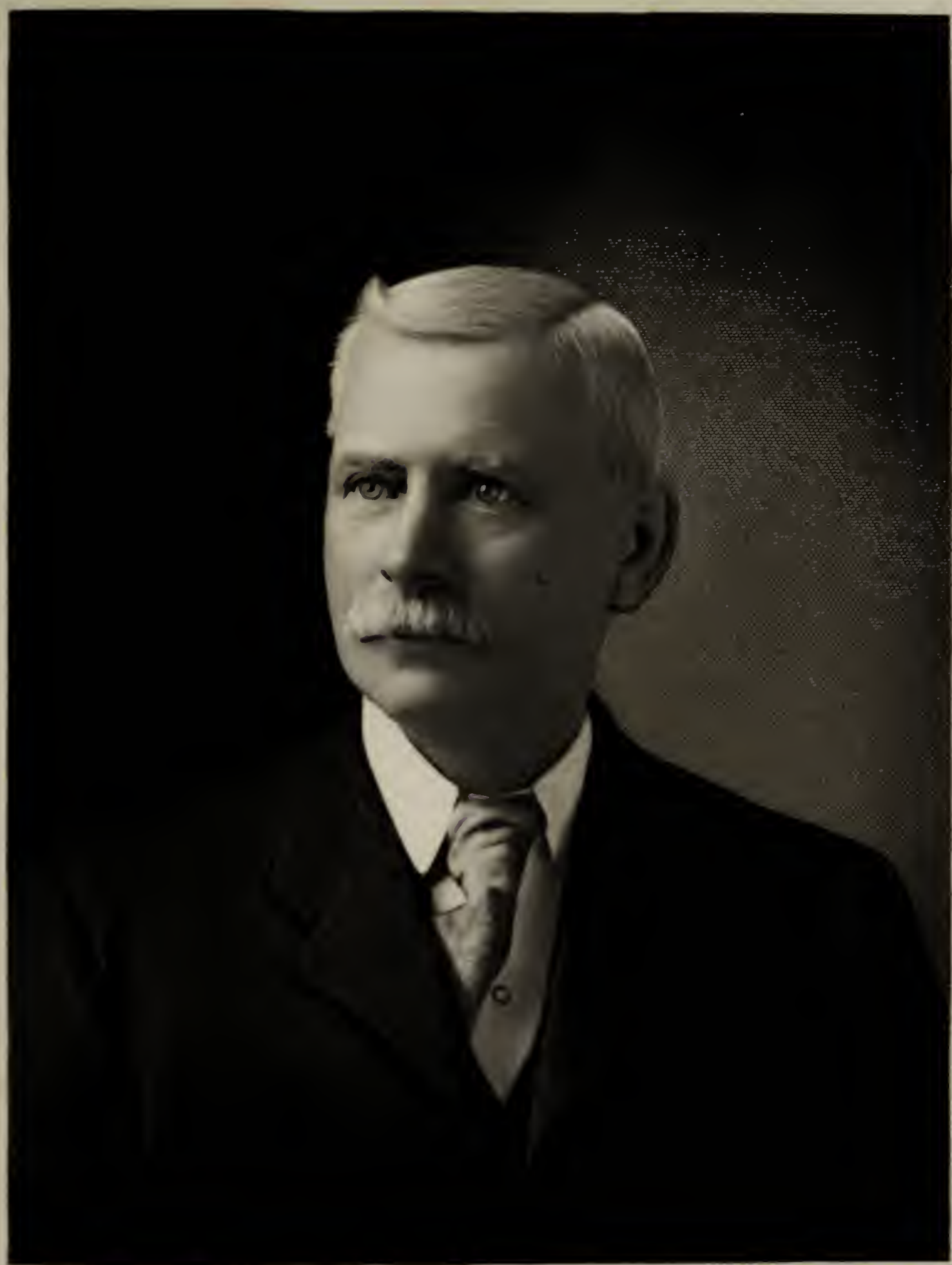
On the 27th of October, 1871, in Wheatland, Iowa, Mr. Dresselhaus was united in marriage to Miss Wilhelmine Schlueter, a daughter of Fred and Wilhelmine (Dunkelmeier) Schlueter, who were married in Germany. Fred Schlueter, who followed farming in the fatherland, came to Cedar county, Iowa, in 1884 and here passed away in 1895. His wife was called to her final rest in 1908. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dresselhaus were born nine children, two of whom died in infancy. The others are as follows: Herman, whose natal day was March 28, 1872; Otto, whose birth occurred May 10, 1873; Ernst, who was born January 7, 1875; Emma, June 24, 1877; Fred, February 18, 1884; Carl, August 7, 1886; and August, who first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 13th of August, 1896.

Mr. Dresselhaus was a democrat in politics and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, called him to several positions of public trust. He served as school director for a number of years and also held the offices of township trustee and road supervisor. In religious faith he was a Lutheran. He never regretted his determination to come to the new world, for here he found the opportunities which he sought and in their wise utilization won prosperity. His widow still survives and now resides in Bennett with her youngest son, August, who is a public school student.

M. H. MILLER.

The history of M. H. Miller cannot fail to prove of interest to the readers of this volume, for he is a native son of Cedar county, one of the most prominent business men of Tipton and a citizen of wide acquaintance and popularity. While he has been connected with various business interests, he is perhaps best known as a merchant, having for many years engaged in the furniture business, while at the present time he is giving his attention to financial affairs as the president of the Cedar County State Bank.

One of Cedar county's native sons, Mr. Miller was born at Pleasant Hill in Sugar Creek township, January 18, 1854, and has always resided in this county, remaining to the age of twenty-five years upon the farm which was his birth-



M. H. Miller

place and the home of his parents, Martin G. and Elizabeth (Rider) Miller. Both the father and mother were natives of Pennsylvania, the former born January 27, 1811, and the latter in June 18 of the same year. They were married in the Keystone state and on coming to Iowa in 1853 settled first in Muscatine county but after a few months removed to Pleasant Hill, Cedar county, where the father secured land and carried on farming until the death of his wife in March, 1876. He afterward came to Tipton and spent his last two years with a son in Cherokee county, Iowa, where he died January 1, 1895.

Martin G. Miller followed merchandizing for a short time in Pennsylvania but afterward became a clergyman of the United Brethren church and devoted his life to the work of the ministry until he removed to Iowa. His attention was then given to farming until he retired from business life, but he remained always a local minister of the church. He took an active part in the public life of Cedar county and for many years served as county surveyor, to which position he was elected upon the republican ticket. He engaged in school teaching in early manhood in Pennsylvania and also for a short period in Iowa. His noble character and upright life made him uniformly beloved and at his passing he left an example well worthy of emulation. During the latter part of the Civil war he had served in the Christian commission for about a year.

In his family were ten children, all of whom were born in Pennsylvania with the exception of M. H. Miller, of this review. John R., the eldest, died in Crawford county, Iowa. Jacob B. died in Wilton, Iowa, in the fall of 1909, after retiring from farm life. George W., of Independence, Iowa, served for three years in Company D of the Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry and was for three terms county recorder of Cedar county. J. J., who was a soldier of the Civil war as a member of Company D, Eleventh Iowa Infantry, is now a merchant at Scotia, Nebraska. W. O., who enlisted from Cedar county as a member of Company C, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, died in Winchester, West Virginia, during the progress of the war as the result of wounds received at the battle of Cedar Creek. Wireman, who was also in Company D, Eleventh Iowa Regiment, is now living in Sioux City, Iowa, and for three terms has served in the state legislature. Maggie A. became the wife of Lieutenant F. M. Walker of Wilton Junction and is now deceased, but her husband is living in California. David died in infancy. Edmund is a farmer of Emmet county, Iowa. Four of the sons and the father were all in the south the same time during the war, the sons all enlisting from this county.

M. H. Miller has always resided in Cedar county, remaining upon the farm which was the place of his birth until twenty-five years of age, the district schools affording him his educational privileges. In October, 1879, he came to Tipton and here entered the furniture and undertaking business at his present location on Cedar street. He has carried on the furniture business to the present time and was alone as sole proprietor until 1906, when he admitted his son Charles L. to a partnership under the firm style of M. H. Miller & Son. He extended the field of his activity when, on the 9th of October, 1907, he was elected president of the Cedar County State Bank and has since been active in its direction and control. In 1892 he was made a director of the Cedar County Bank, which

was the predecessor of the Cedar County State Bank. He has farming interests in Emmet county and a large tract of land in Colorado and western Kansas. He is likewise a stockholder in the Tipton Canning Company and thus is prominently connected with the industrial, commercial and financial interests of his native city.

Moreover, he has figured prominently in local political circles and is an active republican, recognized as a leader in the party. He was a member of the city council at the time the city water-works and electric lights were installed and was in favor of the progressive movements which have greatly benefited the city. Neither is Mr. Miller unmindful of his obligations in the work of moral development here. He is an active official member of the Methodist Episcopal church, was secretary of the building committee at the time of the erection of the new house of worship and is the secretary of the board of church trustees. Fraternally he is connected with Cedar Lodge, No. 11, A. F. & A. M., which he joined in 1896, and of which he is now a past master. He also belongs to Alhambra Lodge, No. 79, K. P.

Mr. Miller has been married twice. On the 26th of December, 1876, he wedded Mary A. Leech, who was born in Sugar Creek township, this county, and died April 18, 1878. She was a daughter of Judge J. H. Leech, who served as probate judge of the county at an early day. There was one son, Charles, born of the first marriage and he is now his father's partner in the furniture and undertaking business, acting as manager of the store since Mr. Miller became president of the bank. He was born in Sugar Creek township, April 18, 1878, and is a graduate of the Tipton high school, having completed the course in 1895. At that time he entered his father's store as clerk and, closely applying himself to the mastery of the business and acquainting himself with every department of the trade, he became in 1905 a partner and manager the next year. He married Miss Blanche Farrier, a native of Wilton, Iowa, and a daughter of T. D. Farrier. Charles Miller is regarded as an exemplary young man and a leader in business circles. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and is also identified with the Masons and the Knights of Pythias.

For his second wife M. H. Miller chose Miss Dollie Sheldon, whom he married on the 29th of September, 1881. She was born in Center township, Cedar county, October 26, 1856, and was a daughter of Hon. C. P. Sheldon. In 1905 Mr. Miller was called upon to mourn the loss of his second wife, who died on the 23d of July of that year, leaving a son, Clare S. Miller, who was born in Tipton, April 29, 1885, and is a graduate of the high school of this place. After completing his course here he entered Cornell College at Mount Vernon and was there graduated in June, 1906. He is now engaged in the real-estate business at Steamboat Springs, Colorado. He married Winifred Warren, of Mount Vernon.

Aside from his activity in other directions Mr. Miller assisted in the organization of the Iowa Funeral Directors' Association and was active in securing legislation whereby all funeral directors are required to secure a license. For three years he served as secretary and treasurer of the society and was its president for one year. He has been in business in Tipton continuously since 1879 and is

the oldest merchant in the city in years of continuous connection with trade interests here. The many lines in which he has been interested have profited by his cooperation, feeling the stimulus of his sound judgment and well defined plans. His life history illustrates what may be accomplished by tireless energy, keen perception, a genius for devising and executing the right thing at the right time, joined to every day common sense—a quality which is too often lacking in the business world. While he has met with success in his undertakings, it has not been alone the end for which he was striving, for at the same time he has found opportunity to cooperate in the movements and projects which have furthered the intellectual, moral, political and social interests of the community.

C. HENRY HAESEMEYER.

C. Henry Haesemeyer, occupying a prominent position in Cedar county, has for some years been cashier of the Union Savings Bank at Stanwood and is regarded as a prominent representative of financial interests. He has lived in Cedar county since 1892. As his name indicates, he is of German lineage, his birth occurring in Hanover, Germany, July 10, 1878.

His father, Fred Haesemeyer, was also a native of that country, where he spent his boyhood and youth. After arriving at years of maturity he married Wilhelmine Busching, a native of Germany, and in 1892 the family came to the new world, settling in Cedar county, Iowa. Mr. Haesemeyer was a farmer here, spending his last years in this state, and died in 1899. His wife survived him for about a decade and passed away in 1909. Their family numbered two sons and three daughters: Fred H., a business man of Stanwood, who is the proprietor of a general store; Lena, the wife of Louis Meyer, a farmer of Cedar county; Louisa, the wife of Henry Reinking, who carries on general agricultural pursuits in this county; and Minnie, the wife of Louis Goldsmith, also a farmer of this county.

C. Henry Haesemeyer spent the first fourteen years of his life in his native country, pursued his education there, receiving instruction in both German and French. He then came to the new world and continued his education in the Stanwood high school, where, of course, his instruction was in English. He was thus liberally trained and not only mastered the various branches of learning taught in the public schools but also became familiar with the three languages. He afterward took a position as bookkeeper in a bank and later became one of the organizers of the Union Savings Bank and subsequently was made cashier. He is one of the well known business men of the county, and his reliable and tried business integrity have constituted important factors in the conduct of the bank. His judgment is sound and his business integrity has never been called into question.

Mr. Haesemeyer was married in Stanwood in May, 1908, to Miss Minnie Lehrman, who was born and reared here and is a daughter of H. J. Lehrman of

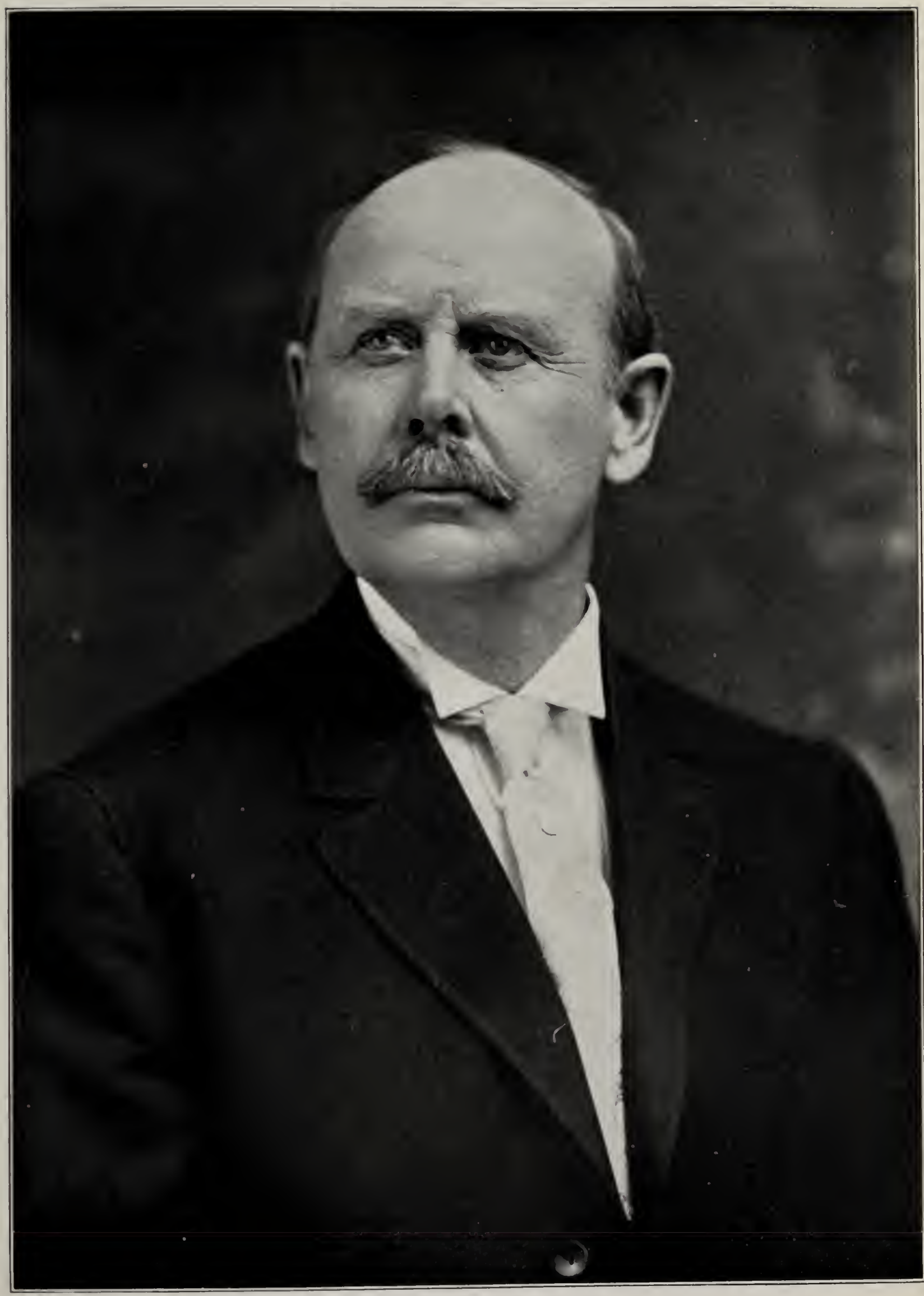
Stanwood. They have one child, Irene. In his political views Mr. Haesemeyer is a republican and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. He has served as secretary of the school board and is now treasurer of the school district. He likewise fills the office of town clerk and has been officially identified with the schools since attaining his majority. Both he and his wife are members of the German Lutheran church, in the faith of which they were reared and to which they have always been most loyal.

Mr. Haesemeyer came to Cedar county with his parents when a lad of but fourteen years, completing his education in Stanwood high school, and thus well equipped started out in life in connection with the banking business, to which he has always devoted his energies. He has made a close study of the business in all its phases, and his determination and energy have enabled him to work his way upward, while his efforts have constituted an important element in the success of the bank.

JUDGE WILLIAM NEWTON TREICHLER.

Presiding for the second term as judge of the eighteenth judicial district, the consensus of public opinion accords Judge William Newton Treichler recognition as one of the most honored and valued residents of Tipton. He was born in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, January 8, 1856, a son of Abram and Margaret (Miller) Treichler, who were also natives of that county, where they resided until their removal westward to Cedar county, Iowa, in the spring of 1866. Their remaining days were here passed, the father's death occurring when he had reached the venerable age of ninety-two years, while his wife attained the advanced age of eighty-four years ere her demise. He was a blacksmith and carriage builder in Pennsylvania at the time when all the work on carriages was done by hand and the vehicle sold from four hundred to six hundred dollars. After removing to Cedar county Mr. Treichler engaged in farming. He was prominent in Masonic circles in the east and attained high rank in the order. His early political allegiance was given to the whig party and on its dissolution he joined the ranks of the republican party. He was a stanch advocate of the cause of abolition and when the republican party was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery he at once espoused its cause.

Judge William N. Treichler, who was the seventh in order of birth in a family of nine children, was a lad of ten years when he accompanied his parents on their westward removal to Cedar county, Iowa, the family home being established in Linn township. He assisted his father in the development of the new farm for two years and then began working by the month as a farm hand, being thus employed through the summer season, while in the winter months he attended school. Desirous of receiving better educational advantages than the district schools afforded, he spent the winters in study and at the age of sixteen years entered the University of Iowa, graduating from the law department of that institution at the age of twenty-three. He had also attended a business college at Davenport, in which he completed a full course.



WILLIAM N. TREICHLER

Immediately after his graduation from the university Judge Treichler was admitted to practice in the state and federal courts of Iowa and in the spring of 1880 came to Tipton, where he entered the law office of Wolf & Landt. There he put his theoretical knowledge to the practical test and after two years spent with that firm entered into partnership with H. L. Huber, with whom he was associated for a year or two. Since that time he has been alone in practice and earnest application, intuitive wisdom, keen power of analysis and careful preparation of cases gained him prominence and success at the bar. In 1898 he was elected judge of the eighteenth judicial district of Iowa, which comprises the counties of Cedar, Jones and Linn, and on the expiration of his eight years' term was reelected in 1906, so that his present incumbency will continue until 1911. He has been connected with the trial of various important cases, including the Boulevard Paving case of Tipton when he was one of the attorneys, and since coming to the bench has rendered the decision in the famous Cedar Rapids Water case. At the bar and as a trial lawyer Judge Treichler has always been courteous but forceful, logical, convincing and never a quibbler over non-essential points. In practice he prepares his cases with patience, faithfulness and ability and seldom is involved by his opponents in a phase of the litigation which he has not carefully considered. As counselor he is astute but conservative. In his decisions he has exhibited the same traits as marked his career at the bar, always thoroughly examining the pending matter and basing his clearly expressed conclusions on the fundamental principles of the law. Those who know him personally or have had professional dealings with him in his judicial capacity need not be told that his decisions from the bench are quite devoid of political considerations or individual leanings.

Judge Treichler has always given his political allegiance to the republican party and aside from judicial office served as mayor of Tipton for one term, having been elected to that position in 1884. During his administration the present water-works system was constructed and the first municipal electric light plant installed in the city. Moreover, his public service in other connections has been of great value. He is now president of the Tipton Public Library Association and has been a member of its board of trustees since its organization. It was through his correspondence that Tipton secured the Carnegie Library. At the urgent request of a trustee Judge Treichler consented to write Mr. Carnegie, knowing, however, that different people had previously addressed him upon the subject and failed to receive any response. Three weeks passed and Judge Treichler received no reply to his letter. The same trustee requested him to write again and his importunity prevailed. He addressed the second letter to Andrew Carnegie—an apology from beginning to end caused by his former and similar letters. Within a week a reply was received asking for a copy of his first letter and after some correspondence Tipton received a donation of ten thousand dollars toward the building of a library. This was the first small library to receive a donation from Mr. Carnegie.

In March, 1883, at Norristown, Pennsylvania, was celebrated the marriage of Judge Treichler and Miss Joanna Rhoads, a native of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Joseph and Ann (Crawford) Rhoads, who al-

ways remained residents of the Keystone state. Mrs. Treichler is closely connected with the Jacob De Haven family of Revolutionary fame. By her marriage she has become the mother of three sons: Joseph Rhoads, now a merchant of Mitchell, South Dakota; Abram H., at home; and William Edmond, a student in the Iowa State University.

Aside from his law practice and public interests Judge Treichler is president of the Tipton Light & Heating Company. Always interested in education and scientific research, he is a member of the State Historical Society of Iowa and the National Geographical Society. He has likewise been president of the Cedar County Chautauqua Association since its organization and, in fact, was one of its founders. In this connection he puts forth earnest effort to have the Chautauqua assemblies a source of deep interest and of educative value, and through his instrumentality some of the finest lecturers of the country have appeared upon the platform here, while musical and literary entertainments of equal merit have been given. The activities of Judge Treichler touch the varied interests of society and constitute a stimulus for activity along lines which work for the benefit of the individual and the betterment of the community.

ED DEARDORFF.

The property known as the Pinewood Farm, adjoining the city limits of Tipton, is the home of Ed Deardorff, the place comprising one hundred and sixty acres of valuable and productive land. Mr. Deardorff was born in Tipton, his natal day being February 15, 1868. He is the fifth in a family of six sons born of the marriage of Daniel Koch and Mary (Dunlap) Deardorff, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in Dillsburg, York county, December 19, 1825, while the latter claimed Altoona as the city of her nativity, her natal day being January 4, 1829. She lost her parents in early life, after which she was reared by people who in 1853 came to Cedar county, Iowa. In 1852 the father accompanied his brother Louis to the middle west and shortly after their arrival in this part of the country they came to Cedar county. The father was a wagonmaker by trade and followed that business during his early life but during the last thirty years of his life he engaged in farming on the tract of land which is now owned by our subject. He inherited many of the sterling traits of his German ancestry and became a very successful and prominent resident of Cedar county. Unto him and his wife were born six sons: Charles Lewis, who died in May, 1905, at the age of forty years; William C., who resides in St. Louis, Missouri; Walter J., a resident of Columbus, Ohio; Olin G., of Chicago; Ed, of this review; and Frank A., who makes his home in Los Angeles, California. Both the parents are deceased, the mother passing away on the 27th of February, 1891, when she was sixty-two years of age, while the father, surviving for a long period, departed this life on the 2d of April, 1909, when he had reached the venerable age of eighty-four years.

Mr. Deardorff has spent his entire life in and near Tipton and acquired his education in the public schools of this city. It was during his early youth that his parents took up their abode on the farm which is his present home, so that much of his life has here been passed. He early became familiar with the work of the fields and is now the owner of the old homestead, embracing one hundred and sixty acres, located in Center township, just outside the corporation limits of Tipton. The place is valuable, owing to its close proximity to the city and to the highly cultivated fields. The old home was destroyed by fire and in 1908 was replaced by a beautiful country residence, supplied with all modern conveniences, and the place in its entirety, known as the Pinewood Farm, is one of the attractive properties of this section of the county. Mr. Deardorff carries on general farming and stock-raising, in which he is meeting with excellent success, being numbered among the representative farmers of his locality.

In 1889 occurred the marriage of Mr. Deardorff and Miss Mary Ellen Porter, who was born ten miles south of Tipton, April 17, 1867, a daughter of John and Margaret (Matter) Porter. The father was born near Cincinnati, Ohio, while the mother was born in Germany, whence she emigrated to the new world at the age of nineteen years. She came direct to Cedar county and it was here that she gave her hand in marriage to John Porter. Her death occurred April 17, 1901, when she was sixty-eight years of age. She had for a long period survived her husband, who died in 1885, at the age of fifty-eight years. By her marriage Mrs. Deardorff has become the mother of three daughters and one son, Myrtle, Helen, Dorothy and Ralph, all born on the home farm.

Mr. Deardorff gives his political support to the republican party, while his fraternal relations connect him with Cedar Lodge, No. 11, A. F. & A. M., and with the Knights of Pythias, in both of which he is a valued member. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. Having spent his entire life in and near Tipton, Mr. Deardorff is well and favorably known, fully sustaining the reputation that was borne by his honored father.

HENRY SYRING.

Henry Syring, a well known and enterprising agriculturist of Inland township, devotes his attention to the operation of a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres. His birth occurred in Waldeck, Germany, his parents being William and Catherine Syring, who were likewise natives of that country. Both are now deceased. Their family numbered eight children, only two of whom came to the new world, namely: Henry, of this review; and John, who is a resident of Fairfield township, Cedar county.

Henry Syring attended the common schools of his native land until fourteen years of age and when a youth of fifteen began learning the carpenter's trade, working at that occupation for three years. He then turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits and was actively engaged in the work of the fields until the time of his emigration to the United States. He was a young man of twenty-four years when he set sail for American shores and it was with a cash

capital of but fifty cents that he arrived in Durant, Cedar county, Iowa. Finding immediate employment a necessity, he hired out as a farm hand and thus worked for a period of seven years. At the end of that time he rented a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Inland township and has resided thereon continuously since, having purchased the property eight years ago. When he first took up his abode thereon the place was in rather a run-down condition, but he has since remodeled the house, built fences and outbuildings and put in tile to the value of several hundred dollars. The property is now lacking in none of the improvements and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century and the well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests in return for the care and labor which is bestowed upon them.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Syring chose Miss Catherine Danceglock, the wedding ceremony taking place in Inland township. She was born on the 22d of December, 1869, her parents being William and Mina (Rampft) Danceglock. It was as a young lady of twenty that she left her native land—Germany—and crossed the ocean to the United States. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Syring have been born three children: William, Mina and Frederick.

Mr. Syring has always been a republican in politics and has been school director for six years and has served on the jury. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Evangelical church of Bennett, to which his wife also belongs. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in the new world and though he started out in life empty-handed, he has gradually worked his way upward, enjoying the advantages offered in this country, which is unhampered by caste or class.

MONTGOMERY FRASEUR.

Montgomery Fraseur is one of the pioneer settlers of Cedar county. Upon the walls of his memory hang many pictures of early days; pictures of a broad open prairie covered with the native grasses and wild flowers in the summer months and presenting the appearance of one glittering and unbroken sheet of snow through the winter seasons; pictures of early pioneer homes, little cabins built upon a tract of land whereon a few plowed acres showed that the work of civilization was begun. The homes were lighted by candles, the farm work was done with machinery very crude as compared to that in use at the present time and the life of the pioneer was one of earnest, persistent toil from early morning until nightfall. Mr. Fraseur tells many interesting incidents of the days when Cedar county was on the frontier and of his boyhood and youth here.

A native of Clermont county, Ohio, he was born February 12, 1827, and there resided until 1837, when he came to Cedar county, Iowa. His parents were Benjamin and Sarah (Stroup) Fraseur, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. They were married in the Buckeye state and became the parents of the following children: William, who died in Denver, Colorado; Jacob, who passed away in Oregon; George, who died in Tipton; Mrs. Barbara Hunter, deceased; Montgomery, of this review; James, who passed away in

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Nevada; Jackson, who was in Nevada when last they heard from him; and Eliza, the wife of Henry Shank, of Tipton. After losing his first wife Mr. Fraseur married Phoebe Huffman and they had two children: Frank, a resident of Boone, Iowa; and Mrs. Cassie Hull, also of that place.

As the family traveled westward from Ohio in 1837 they made a short stop eight miles below Lafayette, Indiana, and then continued on the journey with four yoke of oxen and one wagon. They were four weeks in making the trip for it was the spring of the year and the roads were in poor condition. They located two miles west of the present site of Tipton on a tract of raw prairie land, from which one could ride for miles without coming to a fence or habitation to impede his progress. The family lived in a tent until the log house was built, and thus amid the wild environment of pioneer life they began the development of a farm. Their first visitors were Indians who were friendly but begged for flour. The father preempted one hundred and sixty acres of land and when it came into market entered it from the government.

Montgomery Fraseur made his home upon that place and aided in the work of early improvement and development until the spring of 1849, when he went to California, following the trail with a company of forty wagons that crossed the Missouri and proceeded over the sand plains and the mountains to their destination. One of the number died of cholera soon after crossing the Missouri river. After six months of wearisome travel they arrived at their destination and Mr. Fraseur spent two winters in the gold mines. He then purchased a ranch and engaged in the raising of cattle, having a tract of land three miles wide and about twelve miles long which had formerly been a Spanish claim. In the winter of 1853 he returned to the Mississippi valley by way of the isthmus route to New York, thence westward to Chicago, by stage to Rock Island and by horseback from Davenport to his destination. His mother died in 1852, while he was in California.

After reaching home Mr. Fraseur purchased four hundred acres of land four miles west of Tipton for twenty-four hundred dollars. At once he began its development and for several years continued its cultivation, making his home thereon until he removed to Tipton about twenty-six years ago. Here he has resided continuously since. A part of the old homestead is now owned by his son, while the remainder has been sold. On taking up his abode in Tipton Mr. Fraseur built his present good home at the went end of Fifth street, having here twelve lots and twenty-nine acres of land which is used for pasture. He is a director of the Cedar County State Bank, with which he has thus been associated for many years.

In 1854 Mr. Fraseur was married to Miss Sarah Reeder, who was born in Clermont county, Ohio, August 28, 1835. She was only five years of age when her mother died and her father passed away soon afterward. She was a daughter of William and Nancy Reeder, and having been left an orphan she came to Iowa with an aunt in 1852. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fraseur have been born ten children: Charles, now a resident of Missouri; Almira, the wife of J. W. Morton, of Kansas; Mattie, the wife of Isaac Wertz, living about four miles from Tipton; Fremont, a farmer whose home is also about four miles from Tipton; Fred, living in the county seat; Carrie, the wife of George Escher, living two miles north of

Tipton; Emma, of Chicago; Mrs. May Hibbard, a widow whose home is in Seattle, Washington; Homer, who died at the age of thirteen years; and Hattie, who is the widow of William Brew and lives with her father.

Jacob Fraseur, a brother of Montgomery Fraseur, went to California by the overland route about 1852. The same year their father crossed the plains, the son making the trip with horses and the father with oxen. Jacob had his horses stolen one night while on the way by Indians but he recovered them together with some silver money that had been taken. They were twenty miles away when he found them.

Mr. Fraseur of this review visited Chicago in 1853 when it was little more than a mud hole with a few plank sidewalks. When the family first came to Cedar county the father hauled wheat to Chicago and there purchased two stoves and two barrels of salt, for Chicago was the nearest market at which he could obtain these commodities. Mr. Fraseur hauled wheat to Muscatine, where he has sold it for twenty-five cents per bushel and dressed pork for two dollars and a half per hundred. He has lived to witness great changes since those times, for today every Iowa farm is at most but a few miles distant from a railroad. Prices have greatly advanced until the farmer today receives a goodly return for his labor and, moreover, his work is not nearly so arduous as it was many years ago, for much of it is done by machinery where formerly it was done by hand. It seems hardly possible that it is within the memory of a living man when Indians inhabitated this district and yet Mr. Fraseur remembers seeing the red men here for some time after the arrival of the family. But pioneer conditions have long since given away before advancing civilization; the red men's hunting grounds have been transformed into highly cultivated farms, wild game has been replaced by high grade stock, the little crossroads villages have been converted into thriving towns and cities and Tipton is situated in the center of a rich agricultural district, the county taking its place among the best and most productive counties of the state.

ALEXANDER RICKELTON.

Alexander Rickelton, busily engaged in the cultivation of a farm of fifty acres in Dayton township, known as the West View Farm, his property adjoining Clarence, has been a resident of Cedar county since 1882. His birth occurred in Delaware county, New York, on the 22d of June, 1857. His father, William Rickelton, was a native of Scotland and after reaching man's estate wedded Miss Agnes Anderson, a Scotch lady. Immediately after their marriage they came to the new world, crossing the Atlantic in a sailing vessel which was six weeks in making the voyage. They settled in Delaware county, New York, and Mr. Rickelton devoted his attention to farming there, making his home in that locality throughout his remaining days. Both he and his wife passed away on the 22d of August, 1890. Their family numbered five sons and two daughters, of whom three sons are now living, the brothers of our subject being Anderson, a resident of Red Oak, Iowa, and James G., of Jerome, Idaho.

The youthful days of Alexander Rickelton were spent upon the homestead in the usual manner of farm lads of that period. He had good common-school advantages and divided his time between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. In 1882 he came west to Iowa and established his home in Cedar county, where he secured employment as a farm hand by the month. After working in that way for a few years he removed to Ida county, Iowa, where he and his brother opened up a new farm of one hundred and sixty acres, continuing its cultivation for five years. At the end of that time Alexander Rickelton sold his interest to his brother and returned to Clarence.

Here he was married on the farm which is now his home, the wedding being celebrated on the 14th of February, 1895. The lady of his choice, Miss Luella Claney, was born in Holmes county, Ohio, and was a daughter of John Claney, also a native of the Buckeye state. Her mother, Mrs. Charlotta (Wallack) Claney, was born and reared in Holmes county, Ohio, and in the year 1861 Mr. Claney and his wife came to Cedar county, Iowa. For a few years he engaged in the cultivation of rented land and then purchased a farm in Dayton township, which he developed and improved throughout the years in which he was rearing his family upon that place. He later sold the farm to his sons and bought a smaller tract of land, a part of which is within the corporation limits of Clarence and which is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rickelton. Mr. Claney owned thirty acres here and to its development he gave his attention until his life's labors were ended in death on the 27th of May, 1895. His wife survived him for three years and died in 1898. Their family numbered two children. The only son, A. D. Claney, is a business man of Stanwood, where he has been engaged in the lumber trade for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Rickelton began their domestic life on the West View Farm and he has since purchased twenty acres adjoining the original tract. He also owns one hundred and sixty acres of timber and pasture land in Cedar county. He has remodeled the house, built a corn crib, has fenced his land and now has good and substantial improvements upon his place. The breeding and raising of pure blooded Jersey cattle constitutes an important factor of his business and is, moreover, a gratifying source of income. He sold twenty-five head of cows in 1909. He also engages to some extent in dairying and the different branches of his business are proving a gratifying source of profit.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rickelton were born twins but both died in infancy. Well known in this county, they have many warm friends and theirs is a hospitable home whose good cheer is greatly enjoyed by the many who know them. Since attaining his majority Mr. Rickelton has voted with the republican party and he also entertains strong prohibition principles, for he has ever been an earnest advocate of the cause of temperance, which he endorses both in practice and precept. He has been elected and served for one or more terms as a member of the town council. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church of Clarence, in which he is serving as an elder, while with the various auxiliary societies of the church Mrs. Rickelton is connected. Their influence is ever given on the side of progress, righteousness and truth. Mr. Rickelton is

known as a man of good business ability as well as of unfaltering integrity. Every duty that devolves upon him is promptly discharged and his cooperation can be counted upon to further any movement which is calculated to advance the best interests of the town and county.

SHERMAN YATES.

Sherman Yates, one of the editors of the Tipton Advertiser, was born February 17, 1865, in the city which is still his home, a son of Sylvanus and Sarah W. (Smith) Yates. The father was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, February 7, 1835, and was graduated from the law college of Cleveland, Ohio, after which he was admitted to the bar. He came to Cedar county, Iowa, in 1857, and continued actively and successfully in the general practice of law in Tipton until his death, which occurred in 1884. Moreover, he was prominent in public affairs and aided largely in shaping the welfare and policy of the county. He served as clerk of the district court for four years and was also judge of the circuit court for four years, his decisions being characterized by a masterful grasp of every problem presented for solution. He filled the office of mayor of Tipton for about ten years and gave to the city a business-like, practical and progressive administration. He was also county attorney for six years and a stanch republican but never allowed political preference to interfere with the discharge of his official duties, nor to political influence did he ever owe his professional success.

On the 6th of September, 1859, Sylvanus Yates wedded Miss Sarah W. Smith, who resided upon a farm adjoining the old home place in Ohio. She, too, was a native of Columbiana county and was reared in the same neighborhood as her husband. She died in this county in 1874 at the age of thirty-seven years. In the family were three children who reached years of maturity: Mrs. L. M. Petty, who has been deputy collector of customs at Duluth, Minnesota, for the past fifteen years and is said to be the only woman holding that position in the United States. Sherman Yates is the second of the family. Mabel, the younger daughter, is the wife of J. D. Werling of Bozeman, Montana. Two daughters and a son of the family died in infancy. The ancestral history is traced back to England, whence the great-grandfather came to America in company with William Penn and his followers. The grandfather, John Yates, was a native of Pennsylvania and of Quaker stock.

Pursuing his education in the public schools, Sherman Yates completed his course by graduation from the Tipton high school with the class of 1883. He afterward served as clerk in the postoffice for one year and in 1884 went to Adams county, Iowa, where he engaged in teaching school for one term. He then entered the State Agricultural College at Ames, from which he was graduated in 1888, after which he became principal of the high school at Ida Grove. He had served there for only five months when he was elected superintendent of schools at that place, filling the position for eight years, during which time he largely promoted the interests of public education, holding to high standards in

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the work and inspiring teachers and pupils with much of his own zeal and interest. In 1897 he returned to Tipton, where he purchased the Tipton Advertiser of which he was editor and publisher for four years. At the same time he became financially interested in other business enterprises. In 1901 the Advertiser was consolidated with the Cedar County Republican, at which time Mr. Yates formed a partnership with H. R. Ripley. They continued the publication of the paper under the name of the Tipton Advertiser, the Republican losing its identity. The paper is still owned by the firm of Yates & Ripley, who are conducting their paper in accordance with the most modern and progressive ideas of journalism. Mr. Yates is a stockholder of the City National Bank and is also financially interested in the Farmers & Merchants Savings Bank of Tipton and is a stockholder of the Tipton Cannery Company.

Mr. Yates is prominently connected in other relations and by the consensus of public opinion is numbered among the leading and representative citizens of Tipton. He is a member of the National Editorial Association which he has accompanied on their annual outings to Panama, Canada, and various parts of the United States. He belongs to Cedar Lodge, No. 11, A. F. & A. M.; Siloam Chapter, R. A. M., of Tipton; the Rose Croix Commandery of Sac City, Iowa; El Kahir Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cedar Rapids; and Manitou Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Tipton. He has been secretary of the board of education for the past ten years and has been a trustee of the Carnegie Public Library since its erection. He is a representative of that class of men whose history will ever be of interest—men who have made their own way in the world, depending upon their own resources and working upward by reason of force of character and determined and laudable ambition. When he entered college he had but fifty dollars and this he had saved from his salary as teacher. He had been thrown upon his own resources at an early age, for his mother died when he was a lad of nine years and the father passed away when the son was but nineteen years of age. He completed his college course in four years, meeting his expenses as best he could, largely by teaching in the country schools. He also served as a committee clerk in the legislature, dug ditches, sawed wood, and in fact utilized any honest employment that would bring him the funds necessary in the completion of his school work. The same strength of character and unfaltering resolution have characterized his entire life and have brought him to a position of prominence in Tipton and have gained for him honorable success.

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HARRY DODDS.

Harry Dodds, a progressive farmer and extensive landowner of Cass township, Cedar county, where his entire life has been spent, was here born on the 31st of May, 1869. He was the sixth child in a family of seven born unto Dr. William C. and Mary A. (Phillips) Dodds, the former a well known physician of Cedar county. The mother is now deceased, while Dr. Dodds makes his home with his children. Extended mention is made of him in another part of this work.

The son of a country doctor, Harry Dodds was reared to farm life, spending the period of his boyhood and youth in Cass township, where he attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education. At an early age he assisted in the work of the fields, thoroughly acquainting himself with the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting, and later, upon reaching man's estate, wisely chose farming as his life work and has since been engaged in this pursuit. He remained under the parental roof until he established a home of his own through his marriage, after which he located upon his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 23, Cass township. In the meantime he has made a close study of agriculture, practicing rotation of crops, planting the cereals best adapted to the soil, and the land, naturally rich and fertile, has responded readily and abundantly to his efforts, so that with the passing years he has been most successful. As he has prospered, he has purchased more land from time to time until today, in addition to his original farm, he is the owner of one hundred and three acres of good Cedar river bottom land, forty-three acres on section 21, Cass township, sixty acres in Linn township and one hundred and sixty acres located in Dallam county, Texas, his property holdings constituting him one of the large landowners in his section of the county.

It was on the 20th of February, 1895, that Mr. Dodds was united in marriage to Miss Alice Mayer, who was born in Cass township on the 21st of October, 1873, the thirteenth in order of birth in a family of fourteen children born unto Enoch and Rachel (Yoder) Mayer. Her parents are now residing in Tipton and are mentioned at length elsewhere in this volume. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Dodds has been blessed with three daughters, Naomi, Beulah and Opal.

In politics Mr. Dodds votes with the democratic party and is now serving for the fourth year in the office of township trustee. He has held various school and road offices, performing the duties that devolved upon him in a manner which won the commendation of all concerned. Public-spirited in his citizenship, he has ever strongly advocated those things which are matters of civic virtue and civic pride, while a spirit of progress has at all times prompted him to support those measures which tend toward the upbuilding and growth of the community.

FRED A. DEWELL.

Fred A. Dewell, who carries on general farming on section 15, Dayton township, his place—Breeze Point Farm—constituting a rich tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres, was born on the old family homestead adjoining his present place on the 6th of October, 1883. He is a half-brother of Hon. Hiram Dewell, and also of A. R. Bixler. His father, Nathaniel Dewell, died in this county in 1888, while his mother survived her husband and afterward removed to Clinton, where she is now living.

At the usual age Fred A. Dewell began his education in the public schools and continued his studies in the Clinton high school and also in the Clinton Business College. After putting aside his text-books he accepted the position of book-

keeper in the Merchants National Bank, remaining in that capacity for nearly eight years, his services being entirely satisfactory to the institution which he represented. At the end of that time he resigned and returned to Cedar county to assume the management of his farm and other business interests here. In September, 1909, he took up his abode upon the Breeze Point Farm, which is one of the attractive places of the neighborhood. He has since erected a neat residence and the outbuildings, including barn and sheds, are all in keeping therewith. He has also done some fencing, and repair work upon his place is never neglected. Altogether his is a valuable farm and one of its attractive features is that hospitality which characterizes the home.

Mr. Dewell was united in marriage in Clinton on the 25th of July, 1906, to Miss Elizabeth J. Scanlan, a native of Iowa, who was born, reared and educated in Clinton and is a daughter of Peter J. Scanlan, a well known business man of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Dewell have a daughter, Alice A.

Politically he is a republican when casting a vote in support of candidates for state or national office. At local elections he does not consider the party affiliation of candidates but rather regards their fitness for office. While Mr. Dewell was born upon the farm, his youth and early manhood were spent in Clinton, and he is now having his first actual experience in agricultural pursuits. With ready adaptability, however, he has taken up the farm work and is proving that success is not a matter of genius but is the outcome of industry and clear judgment. He is finding pleasure in country life and his capable management is resulting in logical and well merited success.

JOHN HENRY CARL VERDERBERG.

Of the many worthy citizens that Germany has furnished to this state none stand in higher esteem in the community in which they reside than John Henry Carl Verderberg, who is now successfully engaged in farming on section 16, Center township, Cedar county. He was born in Holstein, Germany, October 30, 1858, and was reared and educated in his native land. His parents were John and Katharine (Eversen) Verderberg, who spent their entire lives in Germany, the father following the tailor's trade.

Our subject was the only one of the family to come to the United States. During his youth he served an apprenticeship to the shoemaker's trade and continued to follow that pursuit while living in the old world. It was in 1884 that he crossed the broad Atlantic and in the fall of that year became a resident of Scott county, Iowa, but in 1885 came to Cedar county, which has since been his home. After working as a farm hand for four years he then began farming on shares and so successful was he in his operations that in 1895 he was able to purchase his present place, to which he removed the following year. His farm comprises one hundred and eighteen and a half acres of very valuable and productive land on section 16, Center township, and in its cultivation Mr. Verderberg is meeting with marked success.

Before leaving Germany Mr. Verderberg was married in 1882 to Miss Johanna Wulf, who was also born in that country, February 16, 1865, being a daughter of Thomas Wulf. They have become the parents of three children, namely: Catharine, now the wife of Martin Schneider, of Tulare, South Dakota; William and Emma, at home.

In religious faith the family are Lutherans and they stand high in the community in which they reside. Mr. Verderberg is entitled to be numbered among the self-made men, for on his arrival in this country he had but fifteen cents in his pocket and had to earn the money with which to send for his wife and one child that had been born in Germany. Industrious and economical, he has met with well deserved success and is today classed among the well-to-do and highly esteemed citizens of Cedar county.

HENRY SHANK.

Since October, 1852, Henry Shank has been a resident of Cedar county and now makes his home in the city of Tipton, where he is practically living retired. He was actively identified with the early development of this region and always bore his part in the work of progress and advancement. He is a native of Ohio, born in Holmes county, August 20, 1833, and is a son of Tobias and Eliza Shank, natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia respectively, though they were married in Ohio and continued to make their home in that state until their deaths. Throughout the greater part of his life the father followed farming. He died at the age of sixty-five years of typhoid fever, both he and his oldest daughter passing away at the same time. The mother of our subject reached the extreme old age of one hundred, one and a half years and never married again. Mrs. Shank returned home on a visit when she had reached the century mark and at that time she was still able to do housework and would go alone to the spring for a bucket of water. Her memory was exceptionally good and she appeared much younger. Daniel Shank, our subject's paternal grandfather, was a native of Germany and on coming to the new world in early life settled in Pennsylvania, where he engaged in farming and also served as a local preacher in the Dunkard church.

Tobias and Eliza Shank were the parents of seven children, namely: Henry, whose name introduces this sketch; Sarah, who died at the age of twenty years; George, who died in Oregon at the age of sixty-five years; Griffith, a resident of Holmes county, Ohio; Mrs. Margaret Ellen Teeters, of Holmes county; Mrs. Mary Ann Mack, also of that county; and David, deceased.

Henry Shank spent the first nineteen years of his life in his native state and then came to Cedar county, Iowa, arriving here in October, 1852. Here he has made his home continuously since and with the exception of four years has devoted his time and attention to agricultural pursuits. From 1859 to 1863, however, he was engaged in gold mining in California, having made the trip overland with ox-teams, returning by way of the Isthmus of Panama and New York. Mr. Shank came to this county with William Wiggins, for whom he drove a team, and after reaching this locality continued to work for that gentleman for one year

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for the sum of a hundred and eighteen dollars. At the end of that time he and Thomas Sigfoos, who had come from Ohio with them, rented Mr. Wiggins' farm, which they operated the following year. In 1855 Mr. Shank married and commenced farming on rented land. As time passed he prospered in his undertakings and in 1876 purchased one hundred and sixty acres of his present farm and a few years later added to this an eighty-acre tract, all of which he improved by the erection of good and substantial buildings and placed the land under a high state of cultivation. This property is located on section 7, Red Oak township, and he continued its operation until May, 1892, when he retired from active farming and removed to Tipton. He has since sold one hundred and sixty acres to his son-in-law, but still retains eighty acres. He also has one hundred and sixty acres in Hamilton county, Kansas.

On the 8th of February, 1855, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Shank and Miss Eliza Fraseur, who was born in Cedar county, October 19, 1837, and is a daughter of Benjamin Fraseur, of whom extended mention is made in the sketch of Montgomery Fraseur on another page of this volume. Five children blessed this union, all born in Cedar county, namely: Austin, who died in infancy; Charles, who is now living near White Lake, South Dakota; Emma, the wife of John Parks, of Linn township; Bessie, the wife of Charles Woods, of Red Oak township; and Edward, whose home is near Brookings, South Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Shank have traveled extensively throughout the west, spending some time on the Pacific coast, and he has visited almost every state in the northern part of the Union. He can relate many interesting incidents of the early days in Cedar county and in the work of development and improvement he ever bore his part. In May, 1853, he accompanied a party of seven who came from Ohio to look for land in this region. They went from Red Oak to Lost Grove and on to Bee Grove and Mason Grove by horseback, but the party concluded that they had not seen any land worth a dollar and a quarter per acre. Mr. Shank said that he would not take all of the land that he had seen as a gift and agree to live upon it the rest of his life, but he has continued to reside in Cedar county, however, and has lived to witness the transformation of this county into some of the best and most productive farms of the state. Both he and his wife were active members of the United Brethren church while living in Red Oak township and are today people of the highest respectability, widely and favorably known throughout the county, with a host of warm, personal friends.

WILLIAM GILMORE.

William Gilmore, one of the early merchants of Tipton but now retired for sixteen years, exemplifies in his life record, which is that of a self-made man, what can be accomplished by determined purpose and earnest effort. Prompted by laudable ambition, he has labored untiringly to gain honorable success and his present rest from labor is certainly well merited.

He was born in Stafford, Tolland county, Connecticut, on the 8th of August, 1830, and is a representative of one of the old New England families. His par-

ents were Nathaniel and Almira (Palmer) Gilmore. The mother died when the son was only two years of age, and the father afterward married again but his death occurred when William Gilmore was only twelve years of age. There was another son and daughter in the family. Several children were born of the father's second marriage.

When left on orphan, William Gilmore removed with a family from his home neighborhood to Monson, Massachusetts, and later went to Hartford, Connecticut. He has been dependent upon his own resources for a living from the age of fourteen years, so that whatever success he has achieved is attributable entirely to his own labors. In 1848 he went to Xenia, Ohio, with an uncle and began clerking there in a clothing store. He remained there until 1850, when his uncle sent him to Bellefontaine, Ohio, to take charge of another clothing store which his uncle had opened in that place.

About two years before his removal to Iowa, Mr. Gilmore started in business on his own account in Ohio in connection with J. W. Cazad and together they came to Cedar county in 1856, arriving in Tipton in the month of September. Here they established a clothing store, which for twenty years they conducted under the firm style of Cazad & Gilmore. The partnership was continued with mutual pleasure and profit until, after acquiring a comfortable competency, Mr. Cazad retired from business. It was in 1857 that the store was opened at its present location, Mr. Gilmore purchasing the building, a two-story brick structure twenty by ninety feet. As the years passed on the store kept pace with the general trend of progress in commercial lines and the success of the enterprise was largely attributable to William Gilmore, whose close application, unfaltering energy and intelligently directed effort constituted strong factors in the success of the establishment. He continued active in its management until about sixteen years ago, when he retired, being succeeded by his son, William T. Gilmore. This was the first exclusive clothing store in Cedar county, although other merchants had handled clothing as a side line in the general stores.

In 1854, while a resident of Ohio, Mr. Gilmore was united in marriage to Miss Cornelia A. Thrift, who was born in Mount Vernon, Ohio, March 1, 1836, and died in Tipton, Iowa, in August, 1898. She was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, putting forth earnest and effective effort for its upbuilding and the expansion of its interests. Her life was beautiful in its purity and uprightness, in its kindliness and generosity, and her loss was therefore deeply felt not only by her family but also by many friends. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore were born four children: Margaret, now the wife of E. T. Kingsbury, of Union Grove, Wisconsin; William T., who is his father's successor in business; Ida, the wife of C. S. Neiman of Tipton; and M. C. Gilmore, an attorney of Ottumwa, Iowa.

Mr. Gilmore was one of the original directors of the Cedar County State Bank. Although he started out in life empty-handed when but fourteen years of age and had but little money when he came to Cedar county in 1856, he is now one of the substantial residents of the county, his well directed thrift and enterprise winning him a very desirable competency as the years have passed by. He belongs to Cedar Lodge, No. 11, A. F. & A. M., and is an exemplary member of

the Methodist Episcopal church. His record is a most creditable one because of his close conformity to commercial ethics and his fidelity and loyalty in citizenship. He came to Cedar county when the work of improvement and progress was scarcely begun and in all the years which have followed to the present time he has cast the weight of his influence for and has given his support to those movements and projects which have been of material benefit in the promotion of the business interests of the community.

HENRY BRITCHER.

Henry Britcher, busily engaged in farming and stock-raising, his place of two hundred acres adjoining the boundary limits of Clarence, was born in Fairfield township, this county, on the 19th of February, 1869. He is, therefore, hardly yet in the prime of life. His success, however, would be creditable to a man many years his senior, for in business affairs he displays sound judgment and unfaltering industry and his enterprise never wavers at the performance of any task to which he sets himself.

The Britcher family is of English lineage. The father, Jesse Britcher, was born in Kent, England, and grew to manhood in that country. Believing that he might have better business opportunities in the United States, he sailed for New York and was employed for a time as a farm hand in the Empire state. While living there he was married to Miss Ann Smith, also a native of Kent. On leaving New York he came at once to Cedar county, Iowa, settling in Fairfield township, and during the first year he worked for a brother and later rented land which he continued to cultivate for several years. During that time he carefully saved his earnings until his economy had brought him capital sufficient to enable him to purchase a farm. His investment made him the owner of two hundred and forty acres in Dayton township, the further development and improvement of which he at once undertook. As the years passed he continued the work of the farm and his efforts were attended with gratifying results. He spent his last years upon that place, passing away in 1902, and is still survived by his wife.

Henry Britcher began his education in the common schools at the usual age, and from his youthful days was trained to the work of the home farm, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that constitute a part of the daily routine of farm life. He remained with his father until twenty-nine years of age and was then married in Story county, Iowa, on the 12th of January, 1898, to Miss Luella Worrell, a daughter of George W. Worrell, who was born and reared in Ohio but when a young man went to Illinois, settling in Earlville. There he was married to Melissa Bagley, a native of that state. About 1870 he came with his family to Iowa and followed farming. At the time of the Civil war he espoused the cause of the Union and did active duty at the front. He reared his family in Story county and was a well known farmer there.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Britcher located in Fairfield township. They had eighty acres of land, on which he built a good dwelling and a substantial barn. Sheds were also provided for the shelter of grain and stock

and the land was fenced and tiled. He likewise set out an orchard and otherwise added to the attractiveness of the place. He had eighty acres of land which he afterward sold, and in 1909 purchased where he now resides. His present property is a valuable farm of two hundred acres which adjoins the corporation limits of Clarence. The land is devoted to the cultivation of various crops and annually he gathers rich harvests. He also raises and feeds stock, shipping two carloads of steers and three carloads of hogs each year. He has studied the best methods of caring for the stock so that he sends both cattle and hogs to market in excellent condition and receives a high price therefor.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Britcher have been born seven children: Loren A., Myron R., Mary A., Dorothy M. and Charles E., all of whom are yet at home; Warren, who died in infancy; and George, who died at the age of six weeks.

In his political views Mr. Britcher is a republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which he and his family belong. He is one of Cedar county's native sons and for forty-one years has been a witness of its development and progress. He has lived to see many changes in the methods of farming as new methods have been introduced and science has thrown light upon the food demand of much plant life. At all times he has kept pace with the spirit of progress that is being manifest in farm work and his success has resulted largely therefrom.

SION BRITCHER.

Sion Britcher, proprietor of the Maplehurst Stock Farm, is one of Cedar county's native sons, his birth occurring August 4, 1862, in Fairfield township, his parents being Jesse and Ann (Smith) Britcher, both natives of Kent, England. The father was reared and educated in the land of his birth and in 1849 came to the United States. It was in March, 1856, that he became a resident of this county and he subsequently purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, his active business life being devoted to agricultural pursuits. He was married in New York, on the 4th of April, 1855, to Miss Ann Smith, and they became the parents of four sons and three daughters, namely: Mary Jane, the wife of Josiah Dorcas, of Tipton, Iowa; James Edward, also a resident of Tipton; Sion, of this review; Anna Elizabeth, the wife of C. G. Sawyer, of Dayton township; Henry, also of Dayton township; Frederick Elmer, living on the old homestead in the same township; and Nellie Belle, who died in infancy. The father died on his farm in Dayton township, July 24, 1902, but the mother is still living and continues to reside there.

Reared on the home farm, Sion Britcher early became familiar with every department of farm work. His early education was obtained in the country schools, later he attended high school at Clarence, Iowa, for three years and the Davenport Business College, from which he was graduated. Previous to taking his business course, however, he engaged in teaching school for two years and afterward continued to follow that profession in this county for four years, but the greater part of his time and attention have been devoted to agricultural pur-

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suits. He purchased his present farm on section 1, Red Oak township, in 1905, and today has a well improved and highly cultivated place of eighty acres, which is devoted to general farming and stock-raising. He makes a specialty of shorthorn cattle and today has twenty head of registered stock, with Fashion Sentinel at the head of the herd.

On the 7th of June, 1893, Mr. Britcher married Miss Lilian Thompson, whose birth occurred January 7, 1867, in Indianapolis, Indiana, where she continued to reside until her marriage. Her parents were Henry L. and Lovina (Dawson) Thompson. The children born to our subject and his wife are as follows: Irma; Jesse Riley; Max, who died in infancy; and Jean.

The republican party has always found in Mr. Britcher a stanch supporter of its principles, but he has never cared for political honors, preferring to devote his entire time and energies to his business affairs. He is public-spirited, however, and takes a commendable interest in the welfare of the community in which he resides.

JAMES L. PORTER.

James L. Porter, busily engaged in the work of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which constitutes his home place, and a tract of eighty acres on another section, is numbered among the representative agriculturists of the community. His home is situated in Stanwood and the farm is a well developed property. Since 1879 Mr. Porter has lived in Cedar county and in the three decades which have since elapsed has become widely and favorably known.

He was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, July 20, 1851. His father, William Porter, was also a native of that county, born in 1819, and there he was reared and after arriving at years of maturity he married Isabella Lane, a native of Pennsylvania. He followed farming in the Keystone state and ere their removal to the middle west four children were added to the family. In the year 1852 he left the east and, in company with his wife and children, made his way to Warren county, Illinois, settling ten miles north of Monmouth. There he took up his abode upon a farm, on which he reared his children. His death there occurred in October, 1899, and his wife survived him for about three years.

James L. Porter was reared to manhood in Warren county, living upon the farm, so that he early became familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. His education was acquired in the common schools and after he had attained his majority he continued to live for several years with his father whom he assisted in carrying on the work of the fields.

On the 20th of February, 1878, Mr. Porter was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Maley, who was born and reared in Warren county, Illinois, a daughter of W. C. Maley, a native of Virginia, who in young manhood removed westward to Illinois, becoming one of the early settlers of Warren county. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Porter came to Iowa, settling first in Ringgold county, where he carried on farming for a year. He then removed to Cedar county and located on land in Fremont township, first purchasing eighty acres, upon which

some improvements had been made. He at once began to cultivate and develop that property, upon which he resided for several years, after which he purchased one hundred and sixty acres near by and removed to his new farm. Upon the latter place he erected a good, two-story residence, a substantial barn, double corn cribs and a hog house. He also fenced and tiled the place, set out a grove and some fruit. He has plenty of water upon the place and has a water system whereby water is piped for the stock. In connection with tilling the soil he also raises horses and feeds and fattens from three to four carloads of cattle and two carloads of hogs each year. He also makes a specialty of raising Percheron horses. In 1907 he bought a town residence, since which time he has added to and remodeled the place, and he has since made his home in the town of Stanwood. For many years, however, he was closely and actively associated with farming interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter have five children, namely: Fred L., who is living on the home farm; Bert, a farmer, who married Freda Oetting and has two children, Merle and Margaret; Warren, who completed the high-school course in 1910; Mary, at home; and Grace, who is now a teacher in the schools of Webster City, Iowa. They lost their oldest child, a son, William M., who was a well educated young man, having graduated from Monmouth College, at Monmouth, Illinois. He died in December, 1908.

The parents are members of the United Presbyterian church of Stanwood. In his political views Mr. Porter is a democrat and is an advocate of the cause of temperance. He has never sought nor desired office, however, preferring to center his energies upon his business interests. He has thus become one of the prosperous and well known farmers and business men of Cedar county, where he has been engaged for a long period not only in general farming but also in breeding and dealing in high grade stock. He is today one of the substantial residents of the county and, moreover, is regarded as a public-spirited citizen, his labors constituting an element in the support of all measures and movements which he deems of public benefit and value.

WILLIAM T. GILMORE.

William T. Gilmore is practically a lifelong resident of Tipton for he was only six weeks old when his parents came to this city, where he has since made his home. He was born in Bellefontaine, Ohio, in 1856. At the usual age he entered the public schools, wherein he continued his studies until he had completed the course in the high school by graduation. He next attended the Iowa State College at Ames, from which he was graduated in the class of 1876, having completed the civil engineering course.

On the completion of his education, Mr. Gilmore joined his father in business as a clothing merchant of Tipton and the partnership was maintained in the father's name until the retirement of William Gilmore in 1893. William T. Gilmore then conducted the business alone for thirteen years and in 1906 admitted

Edward Roehlk to partnership under the firm style of Gilmore & Roehlk, occupying the same stand where the father had conducted business for so long, their store being located on Fifth street, north of the court house square. They carry a large and well selected line of goods and their store is thoroughly modern in its equipment and appointment, while reasonable prices and honorable dealing secure to them a liberal patronage. Mr. Gilmore is also well known in financial circles in the city, being now vice president of the Cedar County State Bank and a director since the reorganization of the bank about twelve years ago.

Mr. Gilmore has been a member of the city council for the past four years and exercises his right of franchise in support of many measures and movements that have been of significant value to the city. His political allegiance is given to the republican party. Fraternally he is connected with Cedar Lodge, No. 11, A. F. & A. M., of Tipton, and with Alhambra Lodge, No. 93, K. P. He possesses those energies which make for personal popularity and has a large circle of warm friends in the community where his entire life has been passed. A liberal education well qualified him for life's practical and responsible duties and he has used his knowledge to good advantage in the conduct of his business, so that he is now numbered among the leading merchants of Tipton.

JAMES GEORGE.

James George, now living retired in Stanwood, of which town he is serving as mayor, was for many years one of the prosperous and representative agriculturists of Fremont township, owning a farm of one hundred and six acres adjoining Stanwood. The period of his residence in Cedar county covers thirty-five years and he has not only been an interested witness of its growth and development but also a factor in its upbuilding.

His birth occurred in Delaware county, New York, on the 3d of September, 1847, his parents being Peter and Jane (Callum) George. The father, a native of Scotland, came to the new world with his parents, the family home being established in Delaware county, New York. He was there married and embarked in business as an agriculturist and dairyman, meeting with success in his undertakings. He passed away in Delaware county in 1870, at the age of sixty-five years, while his wife was called to her final rest about 1900. They were the parents of four sons and four daughters, namely: John, who died while serving as a soldier of the Union army; James, of this review; Peter, whose demise occurred at Chicago in 1909; David; Elizabeth, the wife of Rev. A. G. King, a minister of the United Presbyterian church at Walton, New York; Mrs. Jane Hudson, a widow residing in De Lancey, New York; Mrs. Christina Lombard, a widow who makes her home in Delhi, New York; and Anna, who is now deceased.

James George was reared on the home farm in Delaware county and received excellent educational advantages. On putting aside his text-books he began assisting his father in the operation of the homestead place and was thus busily engaged until the time of his removal westward. While still a resident of his

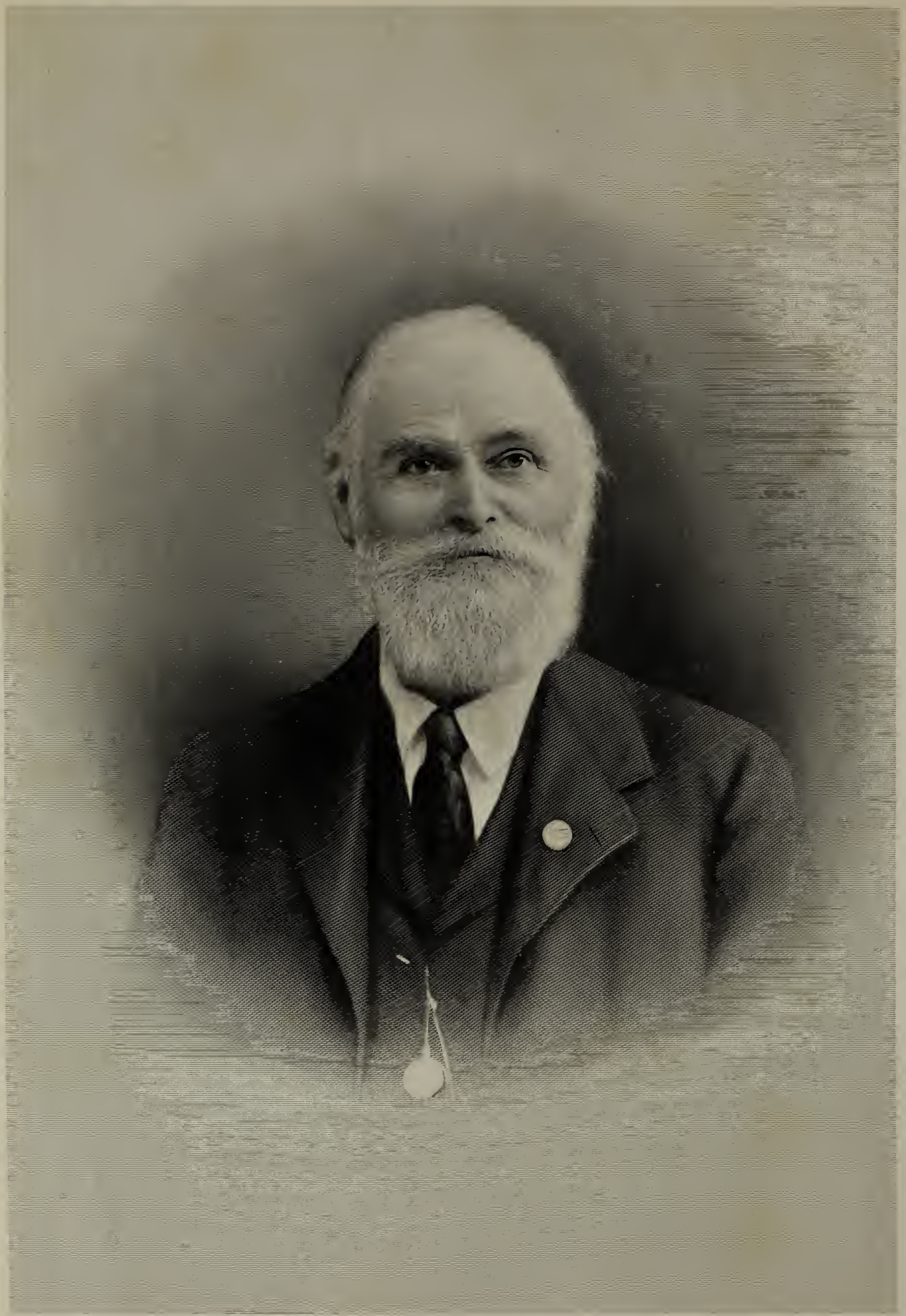
native county he was married, in March, 1875, to Miss Mary Davidson, who was likewise reared in Delaware county, New York, and there taught school for a number of terms. Soon afterward Mr. George came to Cedar county, Iowa, and purchased a tract of eighty acres near Mechanicsville, to the further cultivation and improvement of which he devoted his attention until the spring of 1892. At that time he disposed of the property and bought one hundred and six acres of land adjoining Stanwood, in the operation of which he was actively and successfully engaged for about nine years. On the expiration of that period he sold the farm and bought three acres of land and an attractive residence in Stanwood, where he has since lived retired. During his business career he not only cultivated the best quality of cereals possible but also gave considerable attention to stock-raising and in both branches of activity met with excellent results. He is a stockholder in the Stanwood Bank and has long been numbered among the substantial and leading citizens of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. George are the parents of two children, as follows: Nellie, who is the wife of Charles Hoyman, a stock dealer of Stanwood, by whom she has two children—Verna and Willard; and Laverne, who is still at home. Mr. George is a republican in politics and now holds the office of mayor in Stanwood, giving to the public a most businesslike and progressive administration. He has served as a delegate to county conventions and has also been connected with the school board, the cause of education ever finding in him a stanch champion. His fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he has acted in various official capacities in the lodge at Mechanicsville. His wife is a devoted member of the United Presbyterian church at Stanwood and he attends its services and contributes to its support. A man of high worth and sterling integrity, he is widely respected and honored in the community in which he lives.

HENRY EMRICH.

Although for the past two years Henry Emrich has lived retired, he still makes his home in a beautiful residence on his farm in Cass township, Cedar county, but for many years was closely, actively and successfully connected with agricultural interests in this section. A native of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, he was born August 19, 1833, and in both the paternal and maternal lines comes of German ancestry although the families have been represented in the Keystone state through several generations. His parents, William and Catherine (Barger) Emrich, spent their entire lives in Schuylkill county and there reared a family numbering eight children, as follows: Mrs. Elizabeth Statemeyer; William; Joseph; Mrs. Catherine Zerbe; Jacob, who died in Cedar county; Mrs. Lydia Richards, of Lisbon, Iowa; Henry, of this review; and Mrs. Susan Weik, of Pennsylvania. With the exception of the three last named, all have been called to their final rest.

The old home in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, was the playground of Henry Emrich in his boyhood days and the schools of that section afforded him his training for business life. Remaining in the Keystone state until his nine-



Henry Emrich

Mrs Henry Emrich

teenth year, he then started out to seek a home in the middle west, believing that this new and undeveloped country offered good opportunities to the ambitious young man. In 1852 he made the journey, traveling by steamboat to Muscatine and from that city on foot to Cedar county. He chose Tipton as his place of abode, his first employment there being in a brickyard. Later he worked at the carpenter's trade and eventually was employed at the butcher's trade, working at anything that would yield him an honest living. During the first year of his residence in Cedar county he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land near Mason's Grove but never lived on the place. He later bought eighty acres more and for some time bought and sold land, thereby making a good profit. His possessions at length aggregated fifteen hundred acres, of which five hundred acres was inherited by his wife from her people. Mr. Emrich has given much of his land to his children but he still owns six hundred and five acres, all in one body. It is located on sections 1, 2 and 12, Cass township, extending from the village of Buchanan to the Cedar river and covering an area of two miles. His residence stands on section 2. For many years Mr. Emrich was actively identified with the work of the farm but for the past two years he has lived retired and rents his land. When he settled in Cedar county he was a poor boy, among strangers, but his wise use of opportunities has gained him the position of wealth that he today enjoys. He has speculated in Missouri, Nebraska and Dakota lands and in this venture has also been very successful.

On the 11th of June, 1864, Mr. Emrich was united in marriage to Miss Mary Cochran, who was born in Portage county, Ohio, December 20, 1833, a daughter of David and Martha (McKeldey) Cochran. The father was born in West Virginia, August 5, 1803, while the mother's birth occurred in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, September 20, 1803. They accompanied their respective parents to Portage county, Ohio, in their childhood days, and it was there that they were reared and married. In 1839 they sought a home in Cedar county, Iowa, and Mr. Cochran bought a preemption claim of George Miller in Cass township. This tract comprised five hundred and sixty acres, on which the father built a log house and barn and otherwise improved the place. This property is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emrich. In 1846 Mr. Cochran made a trip to Oregon and spent several years in the west. He then returned to his home in Cedar county but after four years removed to Nebraska, where his death occurred in 1885. The mother died in Cedar county in 1889. They had four children. Cyrus Austin went to California during the gold excitement in 1849 and later located in Oregon, where he secured a good farm that formerly belonged to his father. He has not been heard from for many years. Mary, now Mrs. Emrich, was the next in order of birth. Urania died at the age of fifteen months, soon after the removal of the family to Cedar county. Libbie died while pursuing a course in Cornell College at Mount Vernon.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Emrich has been blessed with three daughters and two sons, but one daughter died in infancy March 2, 1871. Libbie, the eldest, was a graduate of Coe College at Cedar Rapids, after which she engaged in teaching for a number of years. She likewise possessed much talent as an artist and was a highly accomplished young lady. Her death occurred when she was twenty-six years of age. William Austin, the second in order of birth, is married and

has two children. His son, Marion Clifton, spent two years in the Iowa State University, while his daughter, Ethel Gladys, was graduated from the Newkirk (Okla.) high school with the class of 1910. He makes his home in Buchanan, Cedar county. Frank Ward, a resident of Tipton, is married and has one son, Orville. Mary Arta is the wife of M. Y. Bealer, a resident of Cedar Valley. She is the mother of three children, Erroll Myron, Lois Audrie and Maurice Irving. Mr. and Mrs. Emrich are interested in education and have given to their children liberal advantages in this direction. Mrs. Emrich was a student at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, for two or three years and for several years prior to her marriage engaged in teaching.

At the age of eighteen Mr. Emrich united with the Presbyterian church but there being no church of that denomination in Tipton upon his arrival here he became identified with the Lutheran church. For many years he served as elder in the English Evangelical church and is now a member of the Union church at Buchanan. He has been deeply interested in the moral development of the county and has given generously toward the building of five churches in this section. On national issues he votes the democratic ticket, but at local elections supports the men best qualified for office regardless of party ties. He has never been an office seeker. Although he has acquired wealth, this has not been the sole aim and end of his ambition. He has ever been deeply interested in the welfare of the community in which he has lived for almost six decades, witnessing much of its growth and development and taking active part in all that pertains to its progress. Starting out in life for himself in a strange country, working at anything that would bring him an honest living, his diligence and energy have enabled him to attain prosperity, and with a handsome competence he put aside business cares and he and his estimable wife are now enjoying in retirement the accumulations of profitable, successful and honorable careers.

E. C. GILLAM.

On the roster of county officials appears the name of E. C. Gillam, who is now occupying the position of county treasurer. He was born in Genesee county, New York, near the town of Byron, January 28, 1860, a son of Orange and Elizabeth (Crosby) Gillam, natives of New Jersey and Vermont respectively. The father died in 1868 of a sunstroke, the year following his removal to Michigan, being at the time about thirty-eight years of age. His widow, who was born in 1836, still survives and makes her home in Lapeer county, Michigan. In their family were the following named: Elmer D., a carpenter living in Detroit, Michigan; E. C., of this review; Ella M., the wife of E. M. Wilbur, of Detroit; Myrtle, the wife of James Tewksbury, of Sanilac county, Michigan; and Charles H., who is living in Lapeer county upon the farm on which the family located in 1867 when they left New York and removed to the middle west.

E. C. Gillam was a lad of seven years at the time of the removal and his youthful days were spent in Lapeer county amid rural environment, his time being divided between the duties of the schoolroom, the sports of the playground

and such tasks as were assigned him in connection with the improvement and cultivation of the home farm. In 1882 he went to Jackson county, Michigan, where he lived for six years, and in 1888 went to Fairfax, Linn county, Iowa, where he spent a year and a half. He next located in Norway, Benton county, Iowa, and in the fall of 1890 came to Tipton. He had been employed in shingle and lumber mills in Michigan until twenty years of age and had acquired his education by attending school through the winter months. After his removal to Jackson county he was employed for two years in a boot and shoe store and then began railroading as an agent in Jackson county for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company. Following his removal to Iowa he entered the services of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company, also as station agent, and came to Tipton as representative of the road in the same capacity, thus serving until the spring of 1900, when he resigned to enter the retail grocery business on his own account. He devoted five years to the conduct of his store and then sold out, after which he engaged in farming for three years on a tract of land of one hundred and six acres, three and a half miles south of Tipton. This he sold when elected county treasurer in the fall of 1908. On the 1st of January following he entered upon the duties of the office, which he is now filling. He is proving a worthy custodian of the public funds, loyal to the interests entrusted to his care and his record is winning him the commendation of all concerned.

On the 28th of October, 1885, Mr. Gillam was united in marriage to Miss Emma A. Millard, who was born in Albion, Michigan, in 1858, and is a daughter of James and Harriet (Whitman) Millard. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gillam have been born six children: Leon, who died at the age of two years; Ralph; Rena; Millard; Hattie; and Gladys.

The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. and Mrs. Gillam are members. He also belongs to Cedar Lodge, No. 11, A. F. & A. M., and is in full sympathy with the principles of the organization. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party, and he served on the board of education for two terms, or for six years, resigning that position when he removed to the farm. He was also a member of the city council for one term, and the promptness and fidelity with which he has ever discharged his official duties have won for him high encomiums. His life has been characterized by continuous progress, resulting from his business ability, his unflagging industry, and his wise use of opportunity.

HOMER FRASEUR.

In the case of Homer Fraseur age has seemed no handicap to the successful conduct of agricultural pursuits, for, although he has just attained his majority, he has for the past three years so operated his father's farm that his efforts have been highly successful and indicate clearly the ability he has displayed in this direction. Born on the farm which is yet his home, he first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 22d of September, 1889, a son of Fred and Lucy (Schaffer) Fraseur, of Tipton, where they are now living retired. In their family

were five children, as follows: William, of Tipton; Clara, keeping house for her brother Homer; Homer, of this review; Edward; and Fred, Jr., still at home.

On the old home farm Homer Fraseur has spent his entire life with the exception of about one year, and here, amid the busy activities of rural life he early became familiar with the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting, assisting in the work of the fields when not attending the country school near his home. He continued to give his father the benefit of his aid until seventeen years of age, when, eager to enter business life on his own account, he rented a tract of forty acres, which he successfully operated for about a year. He then took charge of the home farm, upon the retirement of his father, and for two years has given his attention to its further development and cultivation. He has just completed a fine new eight-room house, which is cared for by his sister Clara, and has, during the two years in which he has conducted the place, made many additional improvements. He has shown an aptitude for successful management, has made a close study of agriculture, and by persistent effort and well directed labors has brought his fields under a fine state of cultivation, so that the farm, consisting of one hundred and fifty acres on section 21, Red Oak township, is one of the attractive and valuable properties of the locality. Ambitious, enterprising and self-reliant, he has brought to this, the beginning of his career, qualities which, when correctly applied, make for success in business life, and with health and youth in his favor, combined with a spirit of industry and progress, the future seems especially bright for Homer Fraseur.

CHARLES C. KAUFMANN.

Charles Christian Kaufmann holds important relations to the agricultural and financial interests of Cedar county. He is today actively identified with several banking institutions, while he is also successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising. He was born near his present home, which is on section 27, Sugar Creek townhip, on the 3d of April, 1859, and is a representative of an old and prominent family of German origin.

The male representatives of this Kaufmann family were given good educational advantages by bequeath of one of their ancestors, for upon the completion of their college course all their necessary expenses were refunded from the interest of a bequest made by one of the ancestors. When this bequest was made it was not customary for girls to receive a college education and hence they were given a hundred thaler at the time of their marriage. The paternal great-grandfather of our subject was a stock and grain dealer at Darenburg (about fifteen miles north of Halberstadt) in the province of Saxony (in West Prussia), who had one son, Gottlieb, and two daughters.

Gottlieb F. Kaufmann, born September 29, 1793, married Dorethea E. Kruse, born February 5, 1796, of Dadesheim (Kreis Halberstadt). She was a woman of an exceptional disposition for she was never known to be the least bit angry, and because she was always satisfied and in the most pleasant mood her neighbors told her husband that he had married in paradise. They resided

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at Dadesheim where Gottlieb carried on business as a cloth weaver. But finally his health failed and he was compelled to depend somewhat on his four boys for support. On March 9, 1847, he emigrated to America with his family and in the spring of the same year settled in Muscatine county, Iowa, near Moscow, but December 1, 1849, he bought a hundred and sixty acres in Cedar county from the government (S. W. ¼ of section 26, township 79 north of range 2), which now belongs to our subject. He died January 28, 1854, while his wife passed away March 25, 1877. To this union were born seven children, namely: Mrs. Henrietta Burkhardt, the descendants of whom are a prominent family near Cedar Rapids; Mrs. Dorothea Marhing, who settled near Iowa City; Fred, who became quite wealthy and died in Muscatine county; Henry A., the father of our subject; Mrs. Fredericka Duffey, who is still living on the place where her father settled; Christian, who settled at St. Louis; and Andrew H., who was also well-to-do and died in Cedar county.

Henry A. Kaufmann grew to manhood in his native country. He worked at the mason's trade and although chosen to do government arch work he received only twenty-five cents a day and then had to board himself. But the more he read about America as a land of opportunity and democracy the more he plead with his father to come to this country, for he hated royalty and class distinction and had always longed for freedom and equal rights. The Fuhrmeister family, now prominent near Cedar Rapids, who were close friends and who had been in America four years kept writing to them of the many advantages here, urging them to come, and the persistent and constant plea of Henry A. became so forceful that in 1847 Gottlieb, his wife and his descendants, thirteen in all, came to America for he believed that they should all go or none as he did not want them to be separated. But after they had been here a short time the ague overtook them, a shivering and shaking sickness which overcame practically all immigrants in the fall of their first year in this country. They could not talk English, there were no Germans near them, and this country was not as civilized and settled as they had expected to find it. Hence they became discouraged and wanted to go back to their fatherland. But Henry A. still persisted in believing that America was better than the old country. He said: "Now you talk of the good times you had in Germany and complain about the disagreeable conditions and experiences here, but you forget about the advantages this country offers and the difficulty experienced in the fatherland in supporting a family. In this country there is an opportunity for advancement and progress and in a few years you can all be owners and will enjoy blessings you scarcely ever expected." The outcome made possible this family history. To that doctrine he clung until death for he often told his children they did not know how good they had it in this country. The above is a mere instance of the influence he had in his father's family, which is still better illustrated by the following incident. As his father lay on the death bed he looked about for his counselor and chief adviser who was returning from Muscatine, where he had hauled a load of grain. Although feeble and almost unconscious he kept saying in a faint whisper, "Vo ist Hein?" (Where is Hen.) Henry A. inherited his physical qualities and conservativeness from his mother, while he acquired his mental make-up and his energy from his father. To walk from one place to

another seemed to be his favorite pastime and pleasure even in his later days. When he was sixty-two he walked twenty-eight miles one day, thirty-four the following day, and thirty the third day and then was ready for another jaunt like it. Surely when the minister said of him in his funeral sermon, "Here lies the man of an iron body," he was able to voice a statement which very seldom can be uttered, for there are only a very few who at the age of sixty-eight can stack eighty acres of good heavy grain in four days without feeling fatigued and who are never sick until death summons them.

Henry A. Kaufmann followed the stone-mason's trade in this country until the 2d of December, 1850, when he entered forty acres in Sugar Creek township (N. E. ¼ of S. E. ¼ of section 27, township 79 north of range 2), which is still in possession of the family. He made this his home and thereby became the first German settler in Cedar county and after that gave practically his entire time and attention to agricultural pursuits. So successful was he in this occupation that he owned about seventeen hundred acres at the time of his death, which he divided among his three sons. His property was acquired through his own industry, perseverance and good management, for he was a man of excellent business ability and sound judgment. In January, 1870, he became an active member and in 1874 a deacon in the German Methodist Episcopal church, which he ably filled until his death, and at times took charge of the church services. In politics he was a republican.

On the 24th of May, 1855, he married Miss Gustina Miller, who was born February 19, 1832, in Bredenbeck (about twelve miles west of Hanover) in the province of Hanover, Germany, and was the daughter of Frederick and Sophia (Raza) Miller. Her father's parents came from England. Her father was an exceptional mechanic, for after learning his trade as cooper, which took three years, he made his masterpiece and out of one faucet in a hogshead drew seven different ingredients. As a result he was awarded first prize in his trade and was at once promoted to the rank of master. He believed in religious toleration and on account of hypocrisy which existed in the church and the favoring of the nobility he finally migrated to America for he was stern, fearless and accommodating. Gustina possessed the qualities of her father and in 1846 crossed the Atlantic with her parents and landed at Galveston, Texas. But the ravages of the yellow fever caused them to migrate five weeks after they had been there to New Orleans, where they resided for nine months and then proceeded up the Mississippi to Muscatine county, Iowa, settling near Moscow in the spring of 1847. She was exceptionally industrious, full of pluck and push, always lending a helping spirit, and was her husband's right hand. She died at the home of our subject on the 20th of April, 1909, while Henry A. passed away at the same place June 18, 1894. To this union was born three children, namely: Henry F., now a resident of Cozad, Nebraska; Fred E., a resident of Sugar Creek township; and Charles C., whose name introduces this review.

Throughout life Charles C. Kaufmann has made his home in Sugar Creek township and his time and energies have mainly been devoted to agricultural pursuits. His present home is a comfortable brick residence, erected by his father in 1876. He inherited the characteristics of his parents and received his education in the rural schools and at the Iowa Wesleyan University. He is

accommodating, trustworthy and reliable, and hence his father always took him into his full confidence. He persuaded his father not to give away his deed to his children twelve years before he did until a few days before his death and his father always consulted him whenever he was about to make a loan or to buy land. Although his father was very conservative and would weigh and consider carefully, yet C. C. did practically all of his business in his late years. He declined several thousand dollars which his father wanted to give him for the loss of his eye as he did not think it just to his other two brothers. In 1885 he went to the University of Gottingen in Germany, the leading oculists at that time, seeking relief for his right eye, which had been injured by the explosion of a powder flask in 1867. While there he spent some time at the home of his ancestors, but on his return more fully appreciated the advantages of his own country, for here one is not hampered by caste or class and can attain prominence through his own efforts.

Mr. Kaufmann inherited some property, but belonging to a family in whom thrift thrives he has added to this as he has prospered in his undertakings and is now the owner of several valuable farms, aggregating about sixteen hundred acres, all of which is in Cedar county except one hundred and sixty in South Dakota and forty in Muscatine county. He continues to operate the home place, consisting of five hundred acres, while he rents the remainder of his farm land. Besides this property he owns the fair grounds at Wilton and city property in Durant and Muscatine. He is today prominently identified with the banking business, being president of the Farmers Savings Bank at Wilton since its organization in 1904, he and S. T. Evans being the founders of the same. He is also a stockholder in the Atalissa Savings Bank, the Downey Savings Bank and the Union Savings Bank. He is a man of exceptional business ability, who has met with far more than ordinary success in all his undertakings.

On the 24th of May, 1888, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Kaufmann and Miss Pauline L. Riessen, who was born a mile southeast of Durant in Muscatine county, June 1, 1869, her parents being Paul F. and Christine D. H. (Nielsen) Riessen. Her father was born September 12, 1838, in Battensdorf North Kirsch on the island of Fehmern, which belongs to the German empire, while her mother was born December 31, 1839, in Kiel, Schleswig-Holstein, her parents having migrated there from Denmark. The descendants of the Riessen family are well-to-do and live mostly around and in Walcott, Iowa. In early life Mr. Riessen came to America with his parents. He was a hard worker and through industry and persistence accumulated a good sized estate; he spent his last years in retirement from life's activities in Durant. To Mr. and Mrs. Riessen were born six children, namely: Mrs. Pauline L. Kaufmann, Mrs. Kate Ehle, Mrs. Fanny Kohlhase, Mrs. Martha Von Spiegel, Paul F., and Hugo. Mrs. Riessen died in Durant, April 25, 1897, while Mr. Riessen passed away at the same place on the 16th of August, 1907.

Mrs. Kaufmann is a woman of a pleasing and modest disposition, who has aided her husband materially in his many undertakings. She has always made the home the center of attraction and has brought hope and cheer to its members. She believes that the home should be the center of influence for it will then attract husbands where they belong and will mould and shape the char-

acter and thoughts of its members, which should be its leading function. She also takes an active interest in church affairs and tries to train the children so they enjoy going to Sunday school and church services. To Mr. and Mrs. Kaufmann have been born the following children: Charles Beecher, a student at Harvard; Gottlieb Paul, who died in infancy; Esther Druzilla; Joseph; Ruth; Elsie May; Paulina Olivia Francis; Edith Adelia; Priscilla, who died in infancy; Togo Oyama; and Lydia Leona.

Charles Beecher Kaufmann graduated from the Durant high school, May 27, 1904, and from the Wilton high school, May 31, 1906. He was given the honor scholarship from the Wilton high school, which entitled him to free tuition at the university during the four years of his college course. While at the university in Iowa City he was prominent in forensic activities, especially in oratory. He won first place in two of the preliminary oratorical contests and in the final preliminary Northern Oratorical League contest won second place, receiving two out of the five firsts. He was the S. U. I. alternate the year Iowa won first place at Minneapolis in the Northern Oratorical contest when the Universities of Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Northwestern, and Oberlin College participated. He taught extemporaneous speaking at the university during the last year of his college course and through his coaching caused many others to win honors, among them being: Jesse J. Fishburn (a cousin on the Kaufmann side), a member of the University Championship Debating Team in 1910; Paul S. Collier (his room-mate), winner of the N. O. L. contest, May 6, 1910; and Lewis Pennigroth, of Cedar county, second place in the Freshmen Oratorical Contest, the only one of the contestants to receive two firsts. While at the university he was honored by being given one of the leading roles in the annual Philo-Octave play; elected president of the Philomathean Forensic Society, the leading literary society; class representative of the senior class; president of the Forensic League, composed of the various forensic organizations; and a member of the Forensic Council, composed of five faculty and four student members, which has control of the forensic activities of the university. Although he was the junior orator in 1909 and the youngest member in the graduating class (only twenty), yet he was chosen to present the class memorial, a bronze tablet for the old capitol building (the first capitol of Iowa), to the president of the university at the annual class day exercises. On June 15, 1910, he graduated from the State University of Iowa with the degree Bachelor of Arts. During his vacations he has delivered several addresses and sermons, for which he is well known in both Muscatine and Cedar counties. At present he is pursuing a law course in Harvard University at Cambridge, Massachusetts, the oldest and most prominent school in America.

Charles C. Kaufmann since reaching his majority has affiliated with the republican party and keeps well posted on the questions and issues of the day, but has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office, as his entire time and attention are taken up with his extensive business interests. Nevertheless he has served the community and township in various educational and political activities, as he believes it is the duty of every citizen to serve his country no matter in what position or situation. He is now the president of the Wilton Fair Association and also has filled and still occupies other positions of

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trust. He teaches his children the doctrine—enjoy yourselves, do nothing your parents should not know, and always be a man. He hates a sluggard and liar, never forgets a favor, and will do justice though it my provoke enmity. He is a man full of determination and power and will stand by a friend at all times. Mr. Kaufmann is a man of prominence in the community where he resides and occupies an enviable position in business circles, for he is a man of sound judgment and an exceptional judge of people.

JOHN J. JACKSON.

John J. Jackson owns and operates a fine farm on sections 4 and 5, Red Oak township, which in its neat and thrifty appearance plainly indicates the progressive spirit of the owner and that he thoroughly understands the occupation to which he is devoting his attention. He was born on the 21st of July, 1868, and has always resided upon his present farm. His parents, Richard and Nancy (McKane) Jackson, were both natives of Ireland, but were married in Hartford, Connecticut, after coming to this country. The father was born in County Monahan, February 1, 1831, and at an early age crossed the Atlantic and settled in Connecticut. It was about 1865 that he came west and became a resident of Cedar county, Iowa. For many years he followed farming and met with remarkable success, becoming the owner of seventeen hundred acres of land in this county, which he has since disposed of to his children. For the past twenty years he has made his home in Mechanicsville. His wife, who was to him a true companion and helpmate, died on the homestead farm in 1888. They were the parents of the following children: William A., a resident of Mechanicsville; Mary, the wife of George Davidson of Fremont township; Martha, the wife of Joseph Davidson of the same township; Richard, Jr., who is living in Linn township; Jennie, the deceased wife of William Dallas; John J., of this review; Louise, who died at the age of three years; and Bessie, who died at the age of six months.

On the home farm John J. Jackson grew to manhood and on starting out in life for himself chose the occupation to which he has been reared and for the past ten years has owned the homestead, consisting of four hundred and forty acres on sections 4 and 5, Red Oak township. All the improvements upon the place have been made by himself and father, and he now has one of the best farms in the locality. The buildings are commodious and substantial and include three large barns besides an excellent residence. In addition to his tillable land, he also has ten acres of timber in Linn township.

On the 12th of February, 1895, Mr. Jackson was united in marriage to Miss Norah E. Boyles, who was born in Pioneer township in 1872, a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Wilson) Boyles. Her father, who was a native of Pennsylvania, is now deceased, but her mother is still living and has spent her entire life in Cedar county, being now a resident of Mechanicsville. She is now the wife of Richard Jackson, the father of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. John J. Jackson have two children: Roy E., born August 9, 1896; and Don H., born September 6, 1903.

For over a third of a century the family have been prominently identified with the development and improvement of Cedar county and have ever borne their part in any work calculated to advance the interests of this section of the state. They are people of the highest respectability and well merit the high esteem in which they are universally held. In politics Mr. Jackson is a democrat.

E. S. ARMSTRONG.

A valuable and well kept farm of one hundred and sixty-seven acres in Center township is the visible expression of the success which has come to E. S. Armstrong as the legitimate and logical result of well directed efforts and intelligently applied labors. He is one of Cedar county's native sons, his birth occurring in Fremont township on the 31st of May, 1874, his parents being Thomas and Nancy E. (McAfee) Armstrong. The former, who was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 2, 1843, was a son of James and Bessie (Moffit) Armstrong, both natives of Ireland, where they were reared. Later, however, they came to the United States and were married in Philadelphia, where both passed away, their deaths occurring in 1849 but three weeks apart. Their son Thomas was but six years of age when left an orphan, and with his sister Lucinda, then four years old, was brought to Cedar county in 1850, where he spent the period of his boyhood and youth in the home of his grandparents. The sister is now a resident of Napa City, California.

Thomas Armstrong remained with his grandfather until eighteen years of age, when, in 1861, at the outbreak of the Civil war, he enlisted from Cedar county as a soldier in Company E, Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, for three years. Later he reenlisted for another term of three years, or until the close of the war, thus serving throughout the entire period of hostilities. With his regiment he was present at all of the principal engagements of the war, was dispatch carrier for a time and throughout his term of service was never wounded nor in the hospital. He accompanied Sherman on the famous march to the sea which proved the weakness of the Confederacy, and participated in the grand review at Washington, the greatest military pageant ever witnessed in this country. He was finally mustered out with a splendid record, and, returning to Cedar county, Iowa, devoted the rest of his life to agricultural pursuits. For eight years he resided on a farm two miles south of Mechanicsville, and then, selling that property, purchased a farm in Mason Grove, Cass township, consisting of three hundred acres. This he operated for twenty years, after which he again sold out and removed to a farm in Center township, three miles west of Tipton, which is now owned by his son E. S. Armstrong, who operated it for the father until the latter's death, which occurred November 20, 1900. Thomas Armstrong was a stanch supporter of the republican party, although he never sought nor desired public office, and was a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Bethel. He belonged to the Loyal Legion and also to the Mod-

ern Brotherhood of America, while he maintained pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic at Tipton.

Thomas Armstrong was married in 1868 to Miss Nancy E. McAfee, a native of Perry county, Pennsylvania, where her birth occurred February 7, 1846. She was a daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Wilson) McAfee, who were also born in the Keystone state and were the parents of four sons and six daughters. They came to Iowa about 1853, Mr. McAfee preempting a quarter section of land three miles northeast of Cedar Bluff, and there the family resided for twelve years, after which a removal was made to Mechanicsville. In the latter town Mr. McAfee and his wife both passed away, the former's death occurring in October, 1873, at the age of seventy-five years, while the latter was seventy-two years old at the time of her demise in 1880. Their daughter Nancy E. was but seven years old when she accompanied her parents to Iowa, and she remained a resident of Mechanicsville until her marriage, while two years after her husband's death she became a resident of Tipton, where she now resides.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Armstrong were born eleven children, who were as follows: Bessie, residing in Davenport; Jessie, the wife of E. G. Filson, of Burlington; William Moffit, of Red Oak township; Nellie McAfee, a twin sister of William M., who became the wife of C. A. Smith, of Tipton; Edward S., of this review; one who passed away when only twelve days old; Frank B., also residing in Red Oak township; Lucinda, the wife of Charles Cottrell, of Tipton; John T., making his home in Tipton; Arabell, the wife of A. P. Hebstetter, residing in Tipton with the widowed mother; and Ursula B., the wife of Lester Blackman, of Tipton. All of the children were born in Cedar county.

E. S. Armstrong, whose name introduces this review, was reared amid the busy activities of rural life and in the work of the home fields gained a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the occupation which he was to follow as a life work. He also learned many lessons concerning the value of industry, perseverance and self-reliance which well prepared him for an independent business career. The age of twenty years found him eager to enter the business world, which he did in the capacity of farm hand, remaining as such for one year. He then rented a farm for three years, at the expiration of which time, in connection with his brother William, he purchased two hundred and sixty acres in Cass township, which they operated in partnership for seven years. The brothers then sold their interests, after which E. S. Armstrong bought his present farm from his father, consisting of eighty-seven acres located on section 28, Center township. Three years later he purchased an adjoining tract of eighty acres on section 27, and is now operating both farms. He has greatly improved both places, erecting substantial barns and outbuildings, and is devoting his attention to general farming and stock-raising. He has been most successful in both branches of his business—the raising of grain and the raising of stock—and his wise management, close application and unfaltering industry have been important elements in the attainment of a prosperity which now ranks him among the progressive and substantial farmers of his section of the county.

On the 25th of November, 1896, Mr. Armstrong was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Lahmon, who was born in Red Oak township on the 25th of January, 1874, her parents being John and Harriet Lahmon, of Linn township. Unto this union have been born five children, Donald, Pearl, Bertie, Lulu and Genevieve.

Mr. Armstrong holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America at Tipton and is widely known throughout the locality in which his entire life has been spent. His life has ever been honorable and upright, governed by high principles, and the fact that many of those who know him best are numbered among his warmest friends is an indication that his salient characteristics are such as inspire confidence and respect in his fellow citizens.

GEORGE F. MILLER.

No record of Cedar county would be complete without extended mention of George F. Miller, a prominent and well known stock-raiser who is meeting with most gratifying success as the result of well directed efforts and keen business management. He was born in Graham township, Johnson county, Iowa, May 17, 1857, a son of Henry C. and Mary A. (Hemsted) Miller, the former born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, on the 11th of August, 1830, and the latter in Wayne county, Pennsylvania, August 25, 1834. Henry C. Miller came to Iowa about 1854, ten years after the arrival of the Hemsted family, who established their home near Iowa City. He was married in this state and here carried on agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred July 9, 1872. His widow still survives and makes her home in Colville, Washington. Their family consisted of three children, all of whom are yet living, namely: George F., of this review; W. B., of Colville, Washington; and Lucy E., the wife of F. C. Hoy, also of that city.

In the county of his nativity George F. Miller was reared to manhood and there amid the busy activities of rural life he gained thorough knowledge of that occupation which he later chose as a life work. He continued to make his residence in Johnson county for a period of thirty-seven years, spending a year, however—1884—in Pratt county, Kansas. In 1895 he arrived in Cedar county and since becoming a resident of this county has attained high rank in stock circles here. His landholdings consist of a well developed farm of two hundred and forty-three and a half acres located on section 25, Cass township, known throughout the locality as Walnut Dale Stock Farm, and here he is extensively engaged in stock-raising in connection with general farming. He breeds registered shorthorn cattle and at the head of his herd is a fine bull, Thick Set, who was the champion junior yearling at the Iowa State Fair in 1909. One of his cows also, Lady of the Lake, was the winner of the fourth prize at the same fair. He is a breeder of Poland China hogs and also raises high grade poultry. In addition to his other interests he has, since 1880, operated a threshing ma-

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chine, and he has so wisely managed his various business affairs that his efforts have been crowned with most gratifying success.

On the 30th of January, 1889, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Finetta B. Schley, who was born in Johnson county, Iowa, on the 8th of March, 1869. Her parents, Frederick and Finetta (Miller) Schley, were natives of Germany and Iowa respectively and are both now deceased, the former passing away in 1884, while the latter survived until 1908. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Miller have been born eight children, as follows: Hazel G., a student in the Tipton high school; Frederick C.; Lillian May; Gladys Iowa; Grace Hope; Finetta Blanche; Henry Virgil, and Walter Everett.

Preeminently a business man, Mr. Miller has had little time or inclination to participate in matters not directly connected with his business affairs, and his success in his undertakings is doubtless due in no small degree to the fact that he has never permitted outside interests to interfere with the conduct of his business. He makes a close study of the conditions of the market and keeps abreast of the progress which has characterized farming and stock-raising quite as much as other channels of industry through his membership in the Corn Belt Meat Producers Association, the Cedar County Poultry Association and the Cedar County Farmers Institute. Unfaltering industry, wise management, clear judgment and keen business discernment have proved forces in his career which have compelled success, and he justly merits the position to which he has attained in business circles in Cedar county.

DANIEL EHRESMAN.

For more than a half century Daniel Ehresman was identified with the farming interests of Cedar county, and during that period his efforts were in harmony with the spirit of progress which has ever been manifest in agricultural lines here. He was of German origin, his birth occurring in Rheinberg, Germany, on the 24th of July, 1830. He was reared to manhood in his native country and there acquired his education. Upon attaining manhood he decided to seek his fortune in the new world, where the opportunity for business advancement was said to be greater than that offered in the old world. Accordingly he came to the United States in 1855, landing in New York, where he tarried for a period of two years. He then made his way west, spending one summer in Illinois, after which he came to Cedar county, arriving here in 1858, and has since made this his home. His entire time and attention were devoted to agricultural pursuits, in which he was most successful, the prosperity which was his being the result of well directed effort and intelligently applied labor. He was the owner of a fine farm of two hundred acres located on sections 26 and 27, Cass township, which is a well improved property, equipped with all modern accessories for facilitating farm labor, and is now in charge of his son-in-law.

On the 7th of September, 1858, Mr. Ehresman was married in Muscatine,

Iowa, to Miss Magdalena Miller, who was born in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, December 15, 1837. She is a daughter of Thomas and Mollie (Brown) Miller, also natives of the Keystone state, and by her marriage to Mr. Ehresman became the mother of twelve children, ten sons and two daughters, as follows: Henry, Jacob and William, all residing in Nebraska; John, of Garfield county, Nebraska; Daniel, living in Texas; Charles, of Lisbon, Iowa; Alexander, residing in Cass township; Edward, who passed away at the age of twenty-four years; Joseph, who died in infancy; Frank, also deceased; Lizzie, the wife of Henry S. Brown, of Cass township; and Mary, the wife of Frank Achey.

Throughout the many years of his residence in Cedar county Mr. Ehresman was interested in the growth and development of the community in which he made his home, his influence and activity being always on the side of progress, reform, improvement and advancement. He was well known throughout the county and was held in high esteem and regard by a large circle of warm friends. After a useful and well spent life he passed away June 19, 1910.

FRANK ACHEY.

Frank Achey is numbered among Cedar county's native sons, his birth occurring in Linn township, Cedar county, on the 23d of March, 1876, his parents being Thomas and Sarah (Owen) Achey, both natives of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania. The father was twice married, his first union being with Miss Magdalena Zerbey, by whom he had six children, and after the death of his first wife was united in marriage to Sarah Owen, who became the mother of Frank Achey, of this review. He lived to the venerable age of eighty-three years, his demise occurring on the 25th of January, 1899. Mrs. Achey had been twice married ere her union with Mr. Achey, her first husband being a Mr. Schrope, by whom she had one daughter and two sons. After his death she became the wife of Mr. Hartsug, who is deceased, and in 1875 she married Thomas Achey, whose death, in 1899, again left her a widow. The last years of her life were spent in the home of her son, Frank Achey, her demise occurring on the 14th of December, 1903.

Reared on a farm, Frank Achey spent the period of his boyhood and youth amid the busy activities of rural life, and in the home fields early became familiar with the tasks that fall to the lot of the country lad, learning lessons concerning the value of industry, energy and perseverance. Upon attaining his majority he did not at once enter upon an independent business career but remained upon the home farm, caring for his parents in their old age. In 1898 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ehresman, after which he took up his abode on his father-in-law's farm, which he has continued to operate in the capacity of renter for the past seven years. Energetic and up-to-date in his methods, he has so managed his interests that his efforts have been crowned with most substantial success and he is numbered among the progressive and prosperous farmers of his section of the county.

With the passing years the home of Mr. and Mrs. Achey has been blessed with six children, namely: Esther, Mearl, John, Fred, Homer and Harold. The latter passed away at the age of two years. The parents are well known throughout the community in which they reside and are held in high regard and esteem by all who know them. Placing his dependence upon the safe and substantial qualities of energy and wise management, Mr. Achey has attained a most gratifying degree of prosperity, which has come to him as the legitimate and logical result of a life of perseverance, intelligence and integrity.

W. R. WELTY.

W. R. Welty, one of the prosperous and progressive agriculturists of Fairfield township, whose home is on section 4, claims Ohio as his native state, his birth occurring in Ashland on the 30th of March, 1855, but he did not long remain there, for the following year he was brought to Cedar county, Iowa, by his parents, Henry and Elizabeth (Beech) Welty. The father was born December 11, 1819, on the boundary line between Pennsylvania and Maryland and spent several years of his life in the Buckeye state. In 1856 he brought his family to Iowa and on reaching the Mississippi river found that there was no bridge, so they crossed on the ice at Davenport. They first located about five and a half miles south of Tipton in Cedar county, where they remained until our subject was twelve years of age and then removed three and a half miles southeast of the city. Seven years later they took up their residence upon the farm now owned and operated by our subject, the father finally retiring, selling out to his sons, W. R. and G. F. Ten years later the former purchased his brother's interest and is now engaged in farming alone. The father spent his last days in Tipton, dying there February 7, 1907. His wife, who was born in Germany, January 8, 1822, had departed this life while residing on the farm, December 26, 1877. She was only eleven years of age when she accompanied her parents on their emigration to America, the family locating in Ohio, where she resided until coming to Iowa. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Welty were: Margaret Ann, now the wife of A. A. Knott, of California; Mary Jane, the widow of Josiah Owen, a resident of Tipton; W. R., whose name introduces this sketch; Jacob Hudson, of Colorado; G. F., also a resident of that state; and Sarah Elizabeth, the wife of William Bader, of Loveland, Colorado.

Since 1875 W. R. Welty has resided upon his present farm and in its cultivation and improvement he has met with marked success. He is now the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation, a quarter section of this having been previously owned by his father. The buildings standing upon the place are substantial and commodious and include a large fine residence, erected in 1900. Besides his home property he has another farm of one hundred and twenty acres, on which there is also a good set of farm buildings. His time and energies have always been devoted

to farming and stock-raising and he displays sound judgment in purchasing and selling stock. His careful management of his business affairs has brought him a measure of success that places him with the men of affluence in this part of the state.

Mr. Welty was married in 1879 to Martha Sipple, who died in 1880, and he was again married December 17, 1891, his second union being with Miss Lou S. Simpson, by whom he had four children, namely: Ada Roberta; Agnes Adelaide; Donald Owen; and one who died in infancy. Mrs. Welty was born in Fairfield township, November 5, 1867, and is a daughter of William and Jane (Sisler) Simpson. Her mother now resides near Clarence, Iowa, but her father, who was born in County Down, Ireland, died in Tipton, this state, on the 1st of October, 1875, at the age of forty-two years. Mrs. Simpson is a native of Blair county, Pennsylvania, born March 15, 1847, and was in her infancy when brought by her parents to this state. During the gold excitement on the Pacific slope Mr. Simpson went to California, where he remained for a time, and during the Civil war he served as veterinary surgeon. His life, however, was mainly devoted to agricultural pursuits and he became the owner of two fine farms, one of two hundred and eighty acres and the other of eighty acres, which he was operating at the time of his death. In his family were six children, namely: David Louis, who is now with his mother; Lou S., the wife of our subject; William Henry, who died at the age of six months; Agnes Adelaide, who died at the age of seven years; William George, a resident of Dayton township; and Emma Jane, who died at the age of six months.

Mr. Welty keeps well informed on the political questions and issues of the day and by his ballot usually supports the democratic party at national elections, but in local politics is independent, voting for the men whom he believes best qualified to fill office regardless of party ties. He has been called upon to serve as township trustee and as president of the school board, serving in the latter position for a number of years. He and his family are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Clarence, and his upright, honorable life has gained him a host of warm friends, who appreciate his sterling worth.

HON. HORACE RAY CHAPMAN, M. D.

Unto few men throughout this entire country has there come success and honor so early in life as has to the Hon. Horace Ray Chapman, a physician of Bennett and Cedar county; state senator; ex-mayor of two towns; organizer of the Independent Telephone Company and one of the heaviest of stockholders as well as being its president and general manager. But thirty-seven years of age, he has become an important factor in the development alike of county and state; has held positions of honor and trust; is identified with every progressive movement that has for its accomplishment the advancement of the conditions of his fellow citizens, and has accomplished all this while attending to his professional duties as a surgeon and physician with a large town and country practice.

A R Chapman

Pearl M. Chapman

Beginning life in his own behalf at the age of seven years—a time when the average child is thinking only of play and school—Dr. Chapman has worked and striven as few men ever have. His birth occurred June 30, 1873, in Monticello, Jones county, Iowa, his parents being William H. and Mary (Bishop) Chapman, who were among the early settlers of Jones county. His father was born in New York state and came to Monticello in 1870. A miller by trade, he operated the Monticello Flouring Mills, later becoming interested in the Dubuque City Steam Flouring Mills. He owned a farm in Jones county, just outside the town of Monticello, and was one of the active men of the county. With his wife he was a life-long member of the Presbyterian church and both took an active part in church work. His political beliefs found expression in the policies of the republican party and he served as township trustee and was also a member of the Monticello school board, of which he was for some time treasurer. He was connected with both the Odd Fellows and the Masons, and his life was an exemplification of the teachings of these orders. He passed away in Monticello, November 13, 1888, at the age of fifty-two years. His widow, born in Germany, is yet living, making her home with some of her children at Waterloo, Iowa.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. William H. Chapman were born five children, namely: Horace R., of this review; Adeline, now deceased; Frank De Witt, a conductor on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad; Janette, the wife of P. H. Murphy, harbor surveyor in the employ of the government at Portland, Oregon; and Lewis Dwight, engineer on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, residing at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

As previously stated, Dr. Chapman began work at the age of seven years. He worked right along as he attended school, maintained himself in clothes, and at the age of fifteen years had saved enough money out of his earnings, besides clothing himself, to enable him to purchase two town lots in Monticello. He also bought a pony and two cows, which he turned over to his father, although having the use of them when required. He had attained the age of seventeen years when his father passed away and from that time on until they were in a position to care for themselves he helped provide for his mother and his younger brothers and sisters. His labors in their behalf were strenuous in the extreme, as may be shown by the statement that at one time he had to walk seven miles, night and morning, to get to his work, being one of a crew of wood-choppers. In school he excelled all his mates as student and logician. In the senior year of his high-school course he entered into an oratorical contest with a class of twenty-two and secured the first prize which enabled him to enter the state oratorical contest. On April 23, 1893, at Grinnell, Iowa, he contested for the gold medal first prize, winning it without a dissenting voice. His subject was "Mob and Law" and was founded upon the questions of the justice of either of the contesting forces in the great Homestead strike. The preparation of this discourse involved a vast amount of study and laborious effort upon his part, and the announcement of his having won the contest was the signal for a public demonstration upon the parts of his townsmen at Monticello that will linger long in the recipient's memory. The town and county turned out en masse to welcome the high school boy who had brought signal honor to their

district, and the reception accorded him proved the greatest out-pouring of citizens that was ever witnessed in the county, either before or since that event.

Dr. Chapman graduated second in the high school class of 1893 with an average of ninety-eight per cent, which was one-half of one per cent below his victor. Following his graduation he entered Cornell College at Mount Vernon, Iowa, possessing, aside from his clothing, cash to the extent of twenty-five dollars. He paid his way through college, as he had done in school, working at anything which would give him the needed money. During his vacation periods he worked for the Diamond Creamery Company, of Monticello, and became competent as an operator and demonstrator of separators of any type. The first season of his employment in the creamery he held the position of demonstrator and weigh-master, as was the case the second year. He also became proficient in the making of butter and frequently had the making of from eight to ten thousand pounds per day. He aided in the manufacture of a portion of butter which was sent to the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, where it took first prize in 1893. It was while attending high school that Dr. Chapman worked for this creamery and on many occasions he arose at one o'clock to ride into the country and demonstrate a separator's action, then rush back to town in time to attend his classes in school. Upon the completion of his high-school course he decided upon the medical profession as the one he would follow, so studied and read under Dr. McKenzie, at Elwood, Iowa. He entered the State University of Iowa and was graduated from the medical department in 1901. During his first year in college he secured the agency for D. Appleton & Company and sold books, which business he continued the second year, adding the company of W. B. Saunders to his original firm. Following his graduation from the university he did post-graduate work there, also taking a course at Chicago Post Graduate School, Chicago, and then entered upon the practice of medicine at Bennett, Iowa. For five years he successfully practiced there and then removed to Durant, Iowa, where he conducted a drug store in connection with his practice. Two years after going to Durant he decided to return to Bennett, where he has since lived, practicing in a field with which he is entirely familiar, and he is one of the most successful and extensive practitioners of the county.

Not alone in a professional way has Dr. Chapman been successful but in business enterprises as well. The record of his successful ventures proves him a man of affairs, as well as a student and scientist, and places him well to the fore as the leading professional man of the community. In 1902 he aided in the organization of the Davenport & Tipton Independent Telephone Company, his own persistent efforts and indefatigable energy contributing in a great measure to its successful launching in the business world. Today the company is capitalized at sixty thousand dollars, of which stock Dr. Chapman owns three-fourths. He is now serving as president and general manager of the concern and is virtually in complete control.

In politics Dr. Chapman has played no inconspicuous part. Elected state senator from the twenty-fourth senatorial district in 1904, he worked for the best interests of his constituents during his incumbency of the office, and made a record for efficiency which has characterized his every movement either in

private or public affairs. He has twice been honored by the citizens of Bennett, who conferred upon him the highest honor within their gift by electing him mayor, and he also similarly served the citizens of Durant for a term of two years. At present he is a member of the village council and of the school board and is ever to be found working for the best interests of the community. In his fraternal relations the Doctor is connected with the Masonic Order, being a thirty-second degree Mason, holding membership in the Tipton blue lodge and in the Mystic Shrine at Davenport. He has held all the chairs in the Knights of Pythias lodge of Bennett and is also venerable consul in the local lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America, having held that office for six years.

Dr. Chapman was united in marriage to Miss Pearl M. Hiner September 15, 1897. She is the daughter of Eugene and Emma (Smith) Hiner, natives of Virginia, who were among the early settlers of Clinton county, Iowa, where Mrs. Chapman was born. Mrs. Hiner passed away six years ago, while Mr. Hiner is yet living, making his home in Clinton county. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Chapman two children have been born, namely: Eugene Ray and Vilera Emogene.

JOHN M. ROWSER.

John M. Rowser, the oldest son of Samuel Smith Rowser, in company with A. B. Safley, went to O'Brien county, Iowa, in the spring of 1878, where they rented a farm of one hundred and sixty acres. They bought wheat at a dollar and at a dollar and a quarter a bushel and sowed one hundred and forty acres in wheat, giving one-half of the crop as rent, the ground having been broken and the landlord agreeing to furnish machinery to take off the crop. They cut and threshed what could be got and their share was six hundred bushels of such poor quality that it only brought thirty cents a bushel. In 1882 Mr. Rowser went by wagon to Wyoming territory, where he engaged in the business of farming and stock-raising.

In 1890 Mr. Rowser married Miss Margaret Mahnken, who was born in Vernon county, Missouri, her parents being Herman C. and Sarah (Rosenbum) Mahnken. Her father was born in the city of Bremen, Germany, in 1836 and was but seventeen years of age when he came to America, finally settling in Missouri. He served three years in the Federal army as a butcher, receiving his discharge in 1864. He was married in Fort Scott, Kansas, and in 1880 moved with his family to Wyoming territory, where he engaged in farming and in the cattle business until the death of his wife on the 25th of October, 1901. They had four children, namely: John C., of Alzada, Montana; Margaret C., the wife of our subject; W. L., of Bellefourche, South Dakota; and Thomas F., of Merced, California, with whom the father lives.

Our subject and his wife have four children: Ruth, born November 18, 1899; Margaret, born November 14, 1901; Edwin, born June 28, 1904; and Melvin W., born September 18, 1909. Mrs. Rowser was for several years a student in the Spearfish Normal School of Spearfish, South Dakota, and before her marriage

was a successful teacher in the public schools of Crook county, Wyoming. Mr. Rowser with his family returned to Cedar county in December, 1909, after twenty-eight years in the west. Disposing of his interests there, he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Red Oak township, where he now resides.

HOSEA BALLOU.

In every community there are men who are recognized as leaders in business affairs or in public life, their labors contributing to the welfare and upbuilding of the district in which they make their homes. Such a position does Hosea Ballou occupy in eastern Iowa. For twenty years he was a farmer of this part of the state and is, moreover, one of the native sons of Iowa, his birth having occurred in Jones county on the 24th of April, 1860.

His father, Asa Ballou, was born in New York, in January, 1835, and was a son of Jerry Ballou, who removed with his family to Michigan in 1840. In that state Asa Ballou was reared and when a young man came to Iowa, settling in Jones county in 1855. He was married in that county to Dilla Batchelor, who was born in New Hampshire and became a resident of Jones county, Iowa, in her girlhood days. She was married when sixteen years of age. Asa Ballou was a prominent farmer of Jones county, owning at one time a thousand acres of land. He reared his family in this part of the state and remained a valued and honored resident of his district until his death, which occurred in Clarence after he had retired from active business life. His wife still survives him.

Hosea Ballou was reared upon the old home farm and was educated in the district schools. He continued with his father until he had reached his majority and was married in Jones county when in his twenty-first year to Miss Maria Schaaf, the wedding being celebrated December 11, 1880. She was born and reared in Cedar county and is a daughter of Jacob Schaaf, one of the early settlers, who came from Germany to the new world and first located in Ohio, after which he came to Cedar county, Iowa.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Ballou took up their abode on a farm near the old homestead, there cultivating rented land for three years. At the end of that time his father gave him eighty acres and he also bought an adjoining tract of eighty acres. This he farmed and improved, adding to and remodeling the house and building two good barns, double cribs, machine house and granary. Extending the boundaries of his place from time to time, he at length became the owner of four hundred acres, which he continued to cultivate until 1900. He engaged in feeding stock for fifteen years and sold from ten to fifteen carloads of fat cattle and hogs annually. In 1900 he removed to Clarence and rented his farm. He has since sold one hundred and sixty acres and has invested in Texas lands, owning fourteen hundred acres in the Panhandle. There he has improved one section. In Clarence he turned his attention to buying and shipping stock and for four years shipped about two hundred carloads per year. He was one of four promoters of the Clarence Telephone Company and superintended

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the building of the line. He has been engaged in the real-estate business for the past sixteen years and handles Texas and Iowa lands. In Clarence he purchased eight acres, in the midst of which stands a fine residence, where he now makes his home. Moreover, it is the abode of hospitality and its good cheer is greatly enjoyed by many friends.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ballou have been born two children. Frank, who is married, now follows farming in Jones county. He is a well educated man, being a graduate of the Clarence high school and also Parker College of Winnebago, Minnesota. He was ordained a minister of the Freewill Baptist church but had to give up church work on account of his health. Capitola also attended the high school of Clarence and Parker College, where she took up music and also pursued a teacher's course until her graduation. She is now the wife of Professor C. W. Bond, of Mitchell, Iowa, who is principal of the schools of that place.

The political endorsement of Mr. Ballou is given the republican party and while living in Jones county he served as township trustee for six years. He has been a delegate to county and state conventions both in Jones and Cedar counties and is interested in all that tends to promote the progress and insure the success of the political principles in which he believes. He and his wife and children are all members of the Freewill Baptist church, and Mr. Ballou is an exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity, having joined the blue lodge in Clarence in 1895. He has since served through the chairs and by reelection has been continued in the office of master for nine consecutive years. He is also a member of the consistory, having attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite. He is thoroughly in sympathy with the teachings and purposes of the Masonic order, which recognizes the truth of the universal brotherhood of mankind and inculcates a sense of conscientious obligation in the individual to his fellowmen.

HENRY L. HUBER.

Almost from the beginning of Cedar county's recorded history the name of Huber has been associated with the practice of law here and has been a synonym for professional integrity and ability during the years in which Henry L. Huber and his father have been active factors in the litigated interests of this district. Henry L. Huber was born about three and one-half miles southwest of Tipton, Iowa, September 7, 1856, his parents being John S. and Harriet A. (Newell) Huber.

The father was born near Lancaster in Fairfield county, Ohio, while the mother's birth occurred near Delaware, that state. They were married in Delaware on the 6th of July, 1839, and in October of that year started from Ohio for the west, making the journey in a buggy drawn by a single horse as far as Geneseo, Illinois. Mrs. Huber remained there during the following winter, while Mr. Huber continued his journey on horseback, crossing the Mississippi river at Rock Island, after which he rode a day's journey to the farm on section 9, Center township, on which his son, W. Scott, now resides. He purchased about three

hundred and twenty acres of land from James W. Tolman and Harvey B. Burnap. In the spring of 1840 he returned to Geneseo for his wife, whom he brought to Cedar county. In the same year, however, they went to Marion, Linn county, where they resided for two or three years, during which time Mr. Huber engaged in the practice of law. He was a graduate of the college at Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, and one at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, after which he read law in Delaware, Ohio, and later formed a partnership with a Mr. Swisher for the practice of his profession there. He had been engaged in active practice for a year or two before he removed to the west and while following his profession in Marion, Iowa, was engaged in the prosecution of the Goudy robbery case, which was tried in the winter of 1842 or 1843. He then went to Dubuque, where he remained for a short time, and in about 1845 or 1846 came to Tipton. That this was a pioneer district is indicated in the fact that he took up his abode in a log house which stood upon the present site of the City National Bank. There he remained for a few months, after which he located on the farm which he made his home until his death. However, he continued in the practice of law until 1861 in Tipton and was in partnership with William P. Wolf, under the firm name of Huber & Wolf. He was among the first lawyers of Cedar county and served as prosecuting attorney of the county for one or two terms, being elected on the whig ticket. He was regarded as a strong and able lawyer, ready and resourceful, strong in argument and scarcely if ever at fault in the application of legal principles. In antebellum days he was a strong believer in the cause of abolition and made his home one of the stations of the famous "underground railroad," whereby many a poor slave was assisted on his way to freedom in Canada. He voted with the whig party until its dissolution, when he joined the ranks of the new republican party that was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery. He held membership in the Universalist church at one time, while his wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He took an active interest in educational affairs and helped organize Sunday schools. At the same time he was an earnest advocate of the interests of the free schools and did all in his power to establish upon a substantial basis the system of public instruction in this county. As the years passed by he prospered and at the time of his death was the owner of about five hundred acres of valuable land. A part of that which he entered from the government is still in the possession of the family. He died on the farm on which his son Henry was born, passing away March 9, 1870, at the age of fifty-nine years, nine months and twenty-two days. His wife died in Tipton, Iowa, April 5, 1899, at the age of seventy-nine years.

In their family were ten children: John, who died in infancy; Nathan, who died in August, 1879; Caroline S., the wife of John Webb of De Witt, Nebraska; Frances Z., who died at the age of two years; Lysander, who died in infancy; Philip Rudolf, who is living in Missouri; Mary Katharine, the wife of T. J. Larrison, of Mitchell, South Dakota; Henry L.; Lucy M., the wife of R. M. Ellyson, living near Frankfort, South Dakota; and W. Scott, who occupies the old home farm in this county.

Henry L. Huber has resided in Cedar county throughout his entire life, his

youthful days being spent upon the home farm, where he was born and where he early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. After mastering the branches of learning taught in the country schools, he attended the Tipton high school and also the Davenport Commercial College. He prepared for his profession as a law student in the office of Wolf & Landt and was admitted to the bar in 1884, after which he remained with his former preceptors for two years. He then formed a partnership with Judge W. N. Treichler under the firm style of Treichler & Huber, which connection was continued for about three years, since which time Mr. Huber has been alone. The zeal with which he has devoted his energies to his profession, the careful regard evinced for the interests of his clients, and assiduous and unrelaxing attention to all of the details of his cases have brought him a fair business and made him successful in its conduct. His arguments have elicited warm commendation not only from his associates at the bar but also from the bench. His briefs show wide research, careful thought, and the best and strongest reasons which can be urged for his contention, presented in cogent, logical form and illustrated by a style unusually lucid and clear.

On the 24th of October, 1889, Mr. Huber was united in marriage to Miss Mary B. Reichert, who was born in Tipton, Iowa, January 5, 1866, and is a daughter of J. C. Reichert, mentioned elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Huber have two sons and a daughter: Kirkwood, Bertha R. and Louis R.

Mr. Huber has been a lifelong republican, giving his support to the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, belonging to Cedar Lodge, No. 11, A. F. & A. M., and Siloam Chapter, No. 19, R. A. M., of Tipton. In his life he exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft and his strongly marked characteristics are those which make him a valued and popular citizen as well as an able lawyer.

AUGUSTUS R. BIXLER.

Augustus R. Bixler, who is called Gus by his numerous friends, is one of the well known farmers and stock-feeders of Dayton township, whose farm comprises two hundred and seventeen acres of good land on section 22, Dayton township. A part of this lies within the corporation limits of Clarence and the remainder adjoins the boundaries of the village. It was in this township that his birth occurred on the 4th of April, 1865, his parents being John Austin and Amanda (Speelman) Bixler, both of whom were natives of Ohio, where they remained until after their marriage. They came to Cedar county among its early settlers and here reared their family. The father, however, died in 1876 at the age of thirty-six years, but the mother still survives and now makes her home in Clinton.

Augustus R. Bixler spent his youthful days on the home farm and at the usual age entered the public schools, wherein he mastered the elementary branches of English learning. He afterward devoted two winter terms to study in Clarence high school and after arriving at years of maturity he worked by the

month at farm labor for a few years. He was ambitious, however, to own a farm of his own, and utilized the opportunities that led in that direction. He also early realized the fact that untiring labor is the strongest element in success and his life therefore has been one of industry and perseverance.

On the 19th of February, 1890, Mr. Bixler was married in Clarence to Miss Ella Wilkin, who was born in Cedar county and was educated in the public schools. Her father, Noah Wilkin, is a native of England and in early manhood came to the new world, while some time later he established his home in Cedar county. Following his marriage Mr. Bixler rented the old home farm for a time and afterward purchased from his mother the place upon which he now resides, constituting a tract of one hundred and sixty acres. Afterward he extended the boundaries of his place until it now comprises two hundred and seventeen acres and upon the farm he has put up good buildings and otherwise has greatly improved the place in accordance with the modern methods of agriculture. For fifteen or sixteen years he has engaged in buying and feeding stock, sending from fifty to sixty carloads of fat cattle, hogs and sheep each year to market. Owing to the excellent condition of his stock he finds a ready sale upon the market and this constitutes a profitable source of income to Mr. Bixler.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bixler have been born two children: Clarence H., who assists in the cultivation of the farm; and Alta, who is now pursuing her education in the town of Clarence. Politically a republican, Mr. Bixler has never been an office seeker but was elected and is now serving as township trustee. He and his wife attend the Methodist church of Clarence, although they are not members. His has been a well spent life and his business enterprise and integrity are well known to all. He is one of the largest stock feeders and shippers of Cedar county and the careful management of his extensive business interests has given him a place among the substantial citizens of this part of the state.

FRED HECHT.

For over a half century Fred Hecht has been actively engaged in business in Cedar county, where he has made his home since 1855. The years chronicle the progress he has made and his fellow citizens bear testimony of the honorable and progressive methods which he has pursued in all of his business relations. He was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, February 13, 1836, and is a son of John Hecht, a native of Germany, born in the year 1800, who spent his youthful days in that country and was there married, January 12, 1826, to Louise Catherine Eisley, who was also born in Germany. Coming to the United States in 1832, they settled in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Mr. Hecht was a mechanic, who followed the trades of a stone-mason, brick-layer and plasterer while in Pennsylvania. In the fall of 1854 he came to Cedar county, Iowa, and turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, opening up a farm. Some of his family had preceded him here and reported favorably concerning the condition of the country and its future prospects. John Hecht passed away at Clarence, May 11, 1880, and his wife's death also occurred in that city on the 11th of August, 1881.

FRED HECHT

Fred Hecht was reared in Pennsylvania to the age of nineteen years and benefited by the instruction given in the public schools of that state. He started out in life as a clerk in a store in Pittsburg and there received a thorough practical business training that well qualified him for the duties that have devolved upon him in later life. In the spring of 1855 he came to Iowa and engaged in clerking in Tipton, which was then but a crossroads village. He remained there for six years and in 1861 came to the town now known as Clarence. Here he purchased an interest in a general mercantile store and carried on the business until 1885. In connection with the store he also conducted a banking business for several years, opening the second bank in the town in 1885. He owned and controlled the institution until 1894, when it was reorganized under the name of the Clarence Savings Bank with Mr. Hecht as vice president. For some years now he has been engaged in the real-estate business, largely handling Dakota lands. He has embraced his opportunity for judicious investment here and is now the owner of four business houses, one a good brick store building. In 1862 he erected a residence in Clarence and has since lived upon the same lot although he now occupies a large two story dwelling, which he erected and which is one of the best homes in Clarence. It is built in modern style of architecture, is supplied with all modern conveniences and equipments and is one of the most attractive homes of the town.

Mr. Hecht was married in Cedar county, June 8, 1865, to Miss Margaret E. Bossert, a native of Pennsylvania, who was born in Hollidaysburg and is a daughter of Benjamin Bossert, who removed from Pennsylvania to Iowa in 1850. Mr. Bossert, who was one of the early settlers of Cedar county, was born in Marietta, Pennsylvania, October 27, 1813. On the 7th of May, 1839, he was married at Hollidaysburg, to Miss Eleanor Marshall Jones, and in 1850 they removed to Iowa, arriving at Muscatine in June of that year, making the entire journey from Pittsburg by water. They lived in Tipton for nine years and afterward took up their residence on the bare prairie, about four miles northeast of Tipton, where they made their home for twenty-three years. At that time the town of Clarence had not yet been laid out, and there were but few houses between their place and where the town of Tipton now stands, and they were witnesses of the growth of all the farming interests of the entire northern part of Cedar county from the earliest period in the history of this district until the time of their demise, Mr. Bossert passing away at his home in Clarence, July 22, 1882. Mr. Bossert, who was born at Milford, Perry county, Pennsylvania, on the 9th of April, 1811, survived her husband until the 12th of March, 1903, when she passed away at Clarence at the very old age of ninety-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Hecht have three living children and have lost one, Murton P., who died in his second year. Those who still survive are: Winifred E., the wife of J. T. Moffit, a prominent lawyer of Tipton; Eleanor Louise, at home; and Charles B., a business man of Seattle, Washington.

Mr. Hecht joined the Knights of Pythias lodge in Clarence and is now a member of the Tipton lodge. He has filled all the chairs in the local organization, is a past chancellor and has been representative to the grand lodge of the state. Politically a democrat, he has never sought office yet was officially identified with the Clarence schools for thirty years and was town treasurer for a

number of years. Through his long residence in this section of the state Mr. Hecht has become well known in Cedar, Jones and Clinton counties. He has always stood for progress and improvement and has cooperated in many measures that have been directly beneficial to the community. In his business affairs he has displayed marked enterprise and ready adaptability, and the results which have crowned his efforts indicate sound judgment, clear discernment and indefatigable energy.

ELMER B. HOYMAN.

Adjoining Clarence is an excellent farm of two hundred and forty acres. Its fields are well kept, its buildings are modern and the stock seen there is of good grades. In the midst of the farm stands a large residence built in attractive style of architecture, and the place in its entirety constitutes one of the attractive features of this part of the county. It is the property of Elmer B. Hoyman, who is a well known agriculturist and business man, whom Iowa claims as a native son. His birth occurred in Jones county, February 1, 1868.

His father, William Hoyman, was born in Ohio, where he spent the days of his boyhood and youth amid pioneer surroundings. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Julia Kerr, was also born and reared in Ohio. While living in the Buckeye state William Hoyman followed farming save that through the period of the Civil war he espoused the cause of the Union, serving for three and a half years in defense of the old flag and the cause which it represented. He was then honorably discharged and returned to his Ohio home, where he lived until about 1866, when he came to Iowa, settling in Jones county, where he purchased a farm that he cultivated for two years. He then sold that property and came to Cedar county, taking up his abode upon a farm in Dayton township. He spent his last years here and died September 14, 1882, when forty-nine years of age. His wife survives him and is now a resident of Chicago.

Elmer B. Hoyman was reared in Cedar county and after mastering the branches of learning taught in the district schools became a pupil in the Clarence high school. He also pursued a course in a commercial school and for two years was a student in Cornell College. He was thus well qualified by liberal advantages for the onerous and responsible duties which have since devolved upon him. He remained with his mother until he had attained his majority, after which he pursued a course in civil engineering, which he followed for a year. At the end of that time he took charge of the old home farm, which he cultivated until the spring of 1904, when he sold the property and removed to his present farm, comprising two hundred and forty acres of rich and arable land adjoining the corporation limits of Clarence. Here he erected a fine large residence, also built two good barns, one of which was destroyed by fire. He put up a machine house, scale house and hog house, put in a wind pump and enclosed his land and divided it into fields of convenient size by woven wire fences. In addition to the cultivation of crops he raises and feeds stock, making a specialty of buying and

fattening western sheep. He feeds several carloads each year and also a large number of hogs annually, and raises some pure blooded Collie dogs.

In Cedar county, in the fall of 1892, Mr. Hoyman was married to Miss Jeanette Greig, who was born and reared in this county and is a daughter of John Greig, one of the well known farmers of the county, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. Unto them have been born four children: Alice M., Isabelle Pauline, Alberta Elizabeth and William G.

In consideration of the chief political problems that have engaged the attention of the country, Mr. Hoyman has come to the conclusion that the republican party stands more largely for improvement and progress, and therefore casts his ballot for its candidates when questions of national importance are involved. At local elections, however, where the only issue is the capability of the candidate, he does not hesitate to scratch his ballot, voting always independently. He is a well known friend and champion of the cause of education and for years has been officially identified with the schools of Clarence. He served as president of the school board for one year and endorses every movement that he believes will promote educational interests. A life-long resident of this state, he possesses the enterprising spirit which has been a dominant factor in the upbuilding of this section of the country. He is thoroughly identified with the people and prosperity of Cedar county, and he is spoken of only in terms of praise and warm regard by those who are well acquainted with him.

FRANK JAMES CASTERLINE.

Frank James Casterline, a member of the Tipton bar, was born in Carroll county, Illinois, January 10, 1866. His parents were Thomas E. and Martha J. (Miller) Casterline, both of whom were natives of New York, the former of French lineage and the latter of English descent. The mother, who was born January 6, 1838, died in Lincoln county, Nebraska, in November, 1893. The father now resides at Edgar, Nebraska, at the age of seventy-six years. He was in the army hospital during the war and since the close of hostilities between the north and south has engaged in the practice of medicine. In the family were two sons, Floyd Walter and Frank James, both residents of Tipton.

The latter spent the first eight years of his life in the place of his nativity upon the old home farm and then was brought to Cedar county, Iowa, locating about ten miles north of Tipton, in Dayton township. There Frank J. Casterline remained until seventeen years of age, when he removed to Edgar, Nebraska. In the latter place and in Omaha, Nebraska, he was a pupil in the high school and business college. He afterward pursued a course in stenography at Omaha and secured a position as court reporter in the thirty-fourth district of Kansas. While reporting he took up the study of law and in 1895, in Kansas, was admitted to the bar. He resigned his position as court reporter after about seven years service, and removed to Des Moines, Iowa, where he became associated with the law firm of Gatch, Connor & Weaver, with whom he remained for a year and a half. He then passed an examination before the supreme

court of Iowa and was admitted to practice in the Iowa courts in May, 1898. The same year he opened an office in Tipton, where he has since engaged in general practice. He served as city attorney of Tipton for two terms and was the republican candidate for county attorney in the fall of 1909. He has served as a commissioner on the board of insanity of the county for twelve years. His defeat for county attorney is attributable to the fact that he stood for the enforcement of the liquor law. He has also been superintendent of the city waterworks for the past five years and in every public office has proven himself loyal to duty and to the trust reposed in him. He has continued for twelve years an active member of the Tipton bar and in the practice of his profession has proven his worth in the courts. He prepares his cases with great thoroughness, qualifying for defense as well as attack, and his arguments are strong and forceful, his deductions clear and logical.

On the 24th of June, 1888, Mr. Casterline was married to Miss Linnie Almeda Gano, who was born in Cedar county, Iowa, March 26, 1868, and is a daughter of James W. and Leah (Ayres) Gano, who are now residing in Cedar county, near Wilton Junction. Mr. and Mrs. Casterline have one child, Lloyd Eugene, who was born July 23, 1889, and is now in his fourth year in the State University at Iowa City.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Casterline is an Odd Fellow and in his religious belief a Presbyterian, holding membership in the church at Tipton and serving as church treasurer and as one of the board of trustees. He is well known as a man fearless in his defense of his honest convictions and his influence is always on the side of right, progress and improvement. He has made many friends during his residence in Tipton, for he has those qualities which win popularity and high regard.

JOHN McCLELLAN.

When Cedar county was a frontier district and all the conditions of pioneer life were to be here met and endured, John McClellan came to this section of the state, dating his residence in this county from 1848. He was then a young man of sixteen years, his birth having occurred near Perth, Canada, on the 7th of May, 1832. His father, William McClellan, was born in the north of Ireland and was of Scotch parentage. He came to the new world with his parents when a lad of sixteen years and was reared in Canada. In that country he married Anna Dennison, after which he devoted his attention to farming in Canada until 1848, when he crossed the border into the United States, where competition is greater but where advancement is more quickly secured. The opportunities of the new but growing west attracted him and he made his way to Cedar county, Iowa, casting in his lot with its first settlers. He entered land near the present site of Lowden and performed the arduous task of developing a new farm, breaking the sod and turning the first furrows upon the prairie, his labors resulting in the development of highly cultivated fields. Later he owned four hundred acres of land for, as his financial resources increased, he made fur-

JOHN McCLELLAN AND FAMILY

ther investments in property. He had lost his wife in Canada but his last days were spent in Cedar county, where his sterling worth won him a position with the most highly respected and esteemed residents of this part of the state. His family numbered two sons and four daughters: Samuel, a resident of Clarence, Iowa; Lizzie, the wife of George Corey of Des Moines, Iowa; Sarah, the wife of Edward Corey of Auburn, Iowa; Alice, the wife of Benjamin Dilworth of Pasadena, California; and Anna, of California.

The other member of the family is John McClellan, whose name introduces this record. Coming to Iowa when a young man, he assisted his father in developing and improving the home farm. His educational privileges were somewhat limited so that he is largely self-educated. In the school of experience, however, he has learned many valuable lessons that have made him a practical business man and a progressive, public-spirited citizen. He fitted up a breaking team and broke hundreds of acres of prairie land, thus contributing in a large measure to the substantial improvement of this section of the state. For some years he and his brother cultivated the old home farm together and each day saw them busily employed in the fields, their labors bringing that success which can be attained only by earnest and unremitting labor and perseverance.

That he might establish a home of his own Mr. McClellan was married in Springfield township, June 17, 1868, to Miss Mary Arlington, who was born in Ohio and came to Iowa when a maiden of sixteen summers. She is a daughter of Henry Arlington, a native of England, having been born, reared and educated in London. He was afterward employed in a bank there but, believing that better opportunities were offered in the new world, he crossed the Atlantic in early manhood. Previous to leaving London, however, he was married there to Miss Lucy Wordsworth, a native of that city, and after coming to the United States they settled in Huron county, Ohio, where they resided for a few years. They removed to Iowa in 1853, at which time Mr. Arlington purchased land in Cedar county and developed a farm, upon which he reared his family. He served in several public positions of honor and trust, his fellow townsmen recognizing his fitness for office.

After his marriage Mr. McClellan located in Springfield township, about four miles from Lowden. He began there with two hundred acres of land, which he afterward sold, and invested in two hundred acres in Fairfield township. At different times he purchased and sold land, becoming the owner of several hundred acres. Mrs. McClellan received an inheritance from England with which she bought land, investing in eighty acres which she afterward disposed of and made further investments, becoming the owner of one hundred and seventy acres in Plymouth county. Mr. McClellan also purchased another place of two hundred acres near Clarence, erecting thereon a large residence together with two or three barns, commodious sheds and outbuildings, and developing a fine place. He likewise owns a farm near Mechanicsville, while his wife has a one hundred and seventy acre tract in Plymouth county. His possessions further include one hundred and sixty acres at Stanwood and altogether he has seven hundred acres in well improved farms. He has always given considerable attention to the breeding of high grade stock, making a specialty of Durham shorthorn cattle, Poland China hogs and Percheron horses. He commenced

life empty-handed and his possessions are the proof of his industry, perseverance and capable management and the assistance which he has received from his estimable wife. In 1906 they removed to Mechanicsville, where they own and occupy a good home that is supplied with all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McClellan have been born three children: W. H., who resides on the Clarence farm, is married and has three children; J. F., who occupies the Stanwood farm, is married and has two children; and Eunice L., who is the widow of John Nicoll of Mechanicsville and has three children.

Mr. McClellan formerly gave his political support to the republican party but is now an advocate of prohibition principles, his support of the latter party indicating his position on the temperance question. He and his wife are consistent and faithful members of the Mechanicsville Methodist Episcopal church and take an active and helpful part in the work of the church and Sunday school. Mrs. McClellan has served as assistant superintendent of the Sunday school and the children are also members of the Methodist church. For sixty-two years Mr. McClellan has lived in this county and is one of its most honored and worthy pioneer settlers. He has been closely identified with the growth and development of the region throughout the period, has seen all of the towns built and the railroads put through. His labors have been a valuable element in the work of general progress for he has broken hundreds of acres of prairie land and has made and improved three farms. He possesses excellent business ability, keen discrimination and unfaltering enterprise and carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He has ever stood for progress and while actively engaged in farming was ever among the first to adopt new agricultural implements or to accept improved methods that would advance the interests of the place. He is one of the widely known citizens of Cedar county and no history of this region would be complete without mention of John McClellan, who is honored and respected wherever known and most of all where he is best known.

EDIE S. TEMPLETON.

Edie S. Templeton, who was called to his final rest on the 16th of October, 1907, when seventy-six years of age, was for many years an active factor in the agricultural and industrial circles of Cedar county, successfully carrying on farming and carpentering. At the time of his demise, however, he was living retired in Bennett. His birth occurred in Blair county, Pennsylvania, on the 6th of November, 1831, his parents being James and Elizabeth (Russell) Templeton, who were likewise natives of that county. The father was successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits there until the time of his death. In 1853 his widow came west in company with her son and two daughters, locating in Inland township, Cedar county, Iowa.

Edie S. Templeton attended the district schools of his native county in the acquirement of an education and also assisted his father in the operation of the

home farm. He likewise learned the carpenter's trade in early life, working at that occupation in Blair county until he came to this county. Here he entered one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government and the cultivation and improvement of that property claimed his attention until the time of his retirement in 1890, when his son David took charge of the farm. In addition to raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he also worked at carpentering to some extent. The first schoolhouse in district No. 2, Inland township, was erected by him. During the last seventeen years of his life he lived retired in Bennett save for one term's service as postmaster of the town. A man of excellent business ability and unfaltering integrity, he won a well merited measure of success in his undertakings and was long numbered among the prosperous and esteemed citizens of his community.

In 1851, at Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, Mr. Templeton was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hamer, her parents being Samuel and Maria (Itinger) Hamer, the former a wagon-maker of Alexandria, Pennsylvania. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Templeton were born three sons and one daughter, as follows: Mrs. Clara M. Cryder, a widow residing in Bennett; Samuel E., who is at home with his mother; J. C., living in Cedar Rapids; and David E., who makes his home in Colorado.

Mr. Templeton gave his political allegiance to the republican party but the honors and emoluments of office had no attraction for him. The cause of education, however, found in him a stanch champion and he did valuable service in its behalf as a school director. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian. The period of his residence in Cedar county covered more than a half century and he is well entitled to a place among its substantial and representative citizens.

EDWARD W. CRYDER.

Edward W. Cryder, who passed away in Bennett on the 2d of March, 1899, was long and actively identified with the agricultural interests of Cedar county, owning and operating a well improved farm of eighty acres. His birth occurred in Blair county, Pennsylvania, on the 8th day of July, 1847, his parents being Jacob and Margaret (Lewis) Cryder, who spent their entire lives in the Keystone state. The father followed farming in Blair county throughout his active business career.

Edward W. Cryder obtained his education in the district schools of his native couny and when not busy with his text-books assisted his father in the work of the fields, thus early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. In 1870, when a young man of twenty-three years, he came direct to Cedar county, Iowa, here working as a farm hand for four years. On the expiration of that period he rented sixty acres of land and devoted his attention to its cultivation for eight years, when he purchased a farm of eighty acres. In the operation of that property he was busily engaged until the time of his demise, annually gathering rich crops which found a ready sale on

the market. The farm is still in possession of his widow and returns to her a gratifying annual income.

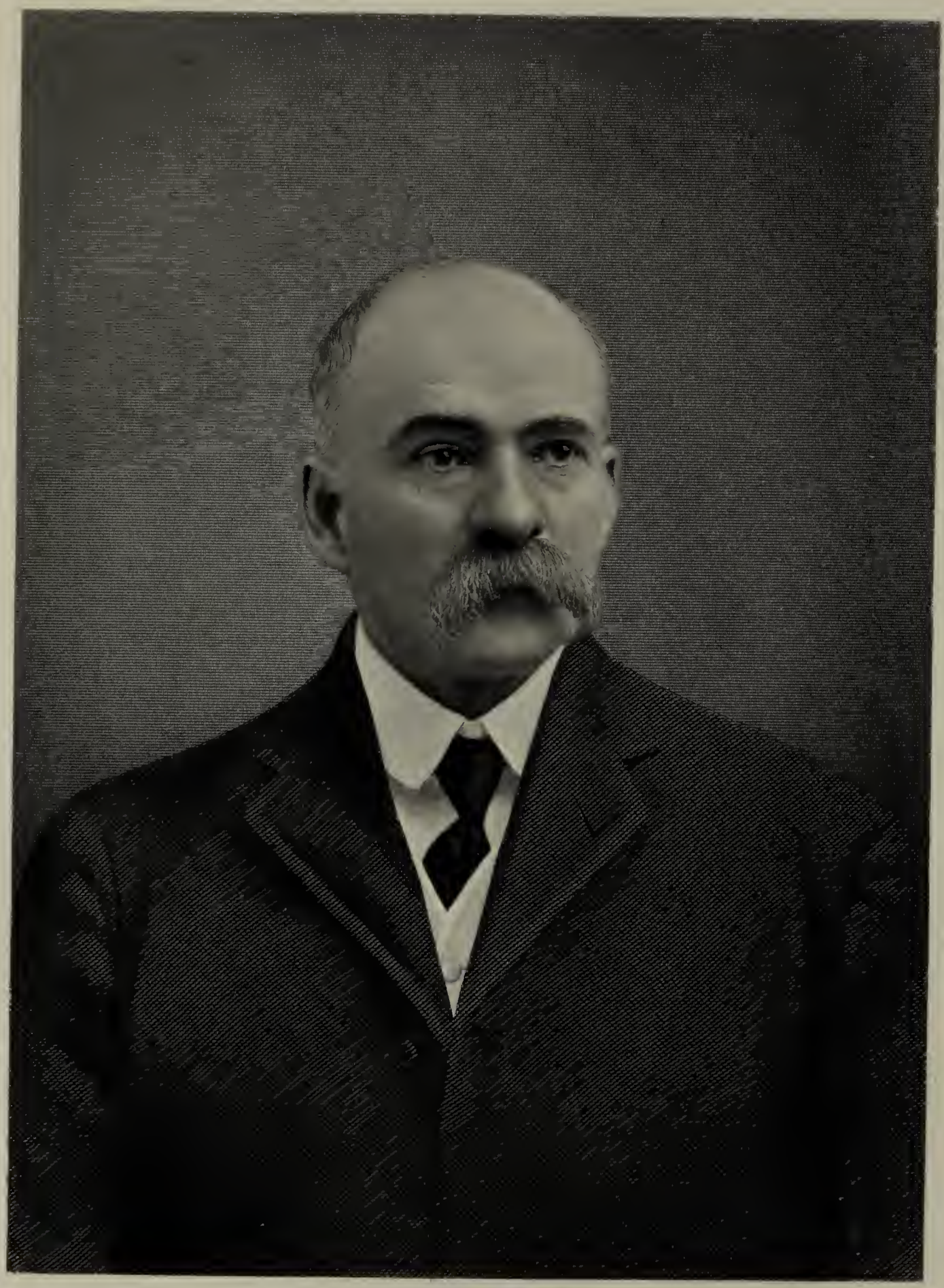
In 1874 Mr. Cryder was united in marriage to Miss Clara M. Templeton, by whom he had two children. Edie J., who manages the home farm for his mother, wedded Miss Fannie Willey and has two children, Clara Belle and Earl Edward. Mae, a public-school teacher of Cedar county, resides at home with her mother.

Politically Mr. Cryder was a republican, ever giving loyal support to the men and measures of that party. He held membership in the Baptist church and was an active and valued worker in the Sunday school. His widow is a devoted member of the Lutheran church and her many good qualities of heart and mind have endeared her to all with whom she has come in contact.

FRANK D. WINGERT.

No matter in how much fantastic theorizing one may indulge concerning success, careful consideration must eventually bring one to the fact that progress and prosperity in the business world are the direct and legitimate outcome of unflagging industry, unfaltering perseverance and unabating energy. The life record of Frank D. Wingert is another proof of this assertion. Giving the closest attention to business and watching his opportunities for judicious investment, he is now one of the wealthiest men of Cedar county with extensive landholdings and also large financial interests.

He was born in Springfield township, about seven miles east of Tipton, April 18, 1857, his parents being Peter and Isabelle (Garey) Wingert. Both parents were born and reared near the boundary line that separates Pennsylvania and Maryland and in that district were married, after which they emigrated westward to Peoria county, Illinois. The father was born in Allegany county, Maryland, October 9, 1814, and first made his way to Peoria county in 1839. It was three years afterward, in 1842, that he was married in Maryland and brought his bride to the Mississippi valley. In 1856 they removed from Illinois to Cedar county and their remaining days were spent upon the farm on which they located when they first took up their abode within the borders of this state. Mr. Wingert donated to the York Prairie church the land upon which it stands and also contributed generously toward the building of the house of worship. He was one of the most active, earnest and helpful members in the church and was interested in all public affairs whereby the welfare and progress of the community are conserved. He held a number of township offices, the duties of which he discharged with promptness and fidelity. He died upon the old homestead, November 14, 1896, after which his widow removed to Tipton and there passed away May 27, 1909, at the venerable age of eighty-seven years, three months and six days. She was a native of Cumberland, Maryland, and like her husband held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which both were loyal throughout their entire lives. Their family numbered ten children: Ellen, the wife of Charles Evans of Clinton, Iowa; John, living in Tipton; George, a resident of Cedar Rapids; Mrs. Sarah



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West Focht, who died in 1910; Frank D.; Alice, the wife of Dr. W. E. Whitney of Eldora, Iowa; Annie, the wife of James Walkins of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Albert, deceased, and two who died in infancy.

Frank D. Wingert resided on the old homestead until he came to Tipton, save for a period of six years spent in Montgomery county, Iowa. He became the owner of a half-section of land included within the old homestead property and retained possession thereof until about five years ago. He now owns three hundred acres two and one-half miles southeast of Tipton, eighty acres one mile south of the town and three hundred and twenty acres two miles north of Bennett. In January, 1898, he took up his abode in Tipton, purchasing the large and beautiful residence which he now occupies and which is situated on the boulevard. Turning his attention to agricultural pursuits, for many years he continued to engage in farming, and his careful management of his land and his practical methods in cultivating the fields brought to him substantial and well merited success. He did not limit his efforts to one line, however, but extended his activities, becoming a prominent factor in financial circles. He was one of the organizers and was chosen president of the Bennett State Bank, in which connection he remained for a number of years. At present he is vice president of the City National Bank of Tipton and has so continued for the past ten years. He engaged in the real-estate business for two or three years and for many years was known as the leading live-stock man of this county, engaged in buying and selling stock on an extensive scale. He has owned over two thousand acres of land in South Dakota since he began dealing in property in that state and has about two sections there at the present time.

On the 29th of November, 1877, Mr. Wingert was united in marriage to Miss Emma Stubblefield, who was born four miles east of Tipton, Iowa, February 4, 1860, and resided there up to the time of her marriage. Her parents were John B. and Elizabeth (McClain) Stubblefield. The father was born in Champaign county, Ohio, November 15, 1827, and the mother's birth occurred in Center county, Pennsylvania, November 25, 1833. Mr. Stubblefield arrived in Cedar county in the fall of 1842 when a youth of fifteen years. He afterward entered land here and became a successful farmer, carrying on the work of tilling the soil until he retired to Tipton in his later years, there enjoying a well earned rest up to the time of his death, March 9, 1906. He had survived his wife for a number of years for she passed away in Tipton, December 2, 1897. Both were devoted members of the Methodist Protestant church and he assisted in building the Virginia Grove church and also the church in Bennett. In the family were ten children: James W., now deceased; Ann, the wife of J. H. McDonald of Cedar Rapids; Cerilda, the wife of E. A. Marks of Ortonville, Minnesota; Mrs. Wingert; Luella, the wife of H. P. Lee of South Dakota; Alice, the wife of T. H. Ocheltree of South Dakota; Flora, the wife of George J. Suess of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and three who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Wingert have four children: Elma Grace, the wife of J. N. Witmer, living about three miles from Tipton; Ralph D., whose home is a mile and a half east of Tipton and who married Edna French; Ruby Ellen, at home; and Emma Lucile, attending St. Katharine's Boarding School in Davenport.

All four of the children are graduates of the Tipton high school, the two younger daughters having attended Cornell College, while Ralph was a student in the State University at Iowa City. He also completed a business course at Davenport. By his marriage he has two children, Dorothy French and Harold.

Mr. Wingert and his family are all members of the Methodist Episcopal church and have assisted most liberally in building the present fine house of worship in Tipton. Mr. Wingert gives loyal support to the Masonic fraternity, to the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of the Maccabees and the Modern Woodmen of America, in all of which he holds membership. He is a business man of marked enterprise, displaying in all things an aptitude for successful management. In his vocabulary there is no such word as fail. Thorough investigation into all business projects with which he becomes connected enables him to so place his investments as to secure substantial returns therefrom, his business integrity remaining unsullied, for all of his trade transactions are conducted along lines of fair, honorable and open-handed dealing.

JAMES SAFLEY.

From many sections of both the new and the old world came the pioneers of Iowa, but none possessed in greater degree the sturdy qualities necessary for life on the frontier or required in the substantial and permanent upbuilding of such a commonwealth than did James Safley, whose name now appears on the list of Cedar county's honored dead. He was one of Scotland's contribution to the citizenship of this state, his birth occurring in Dalhousie, that country, near Edinburgh, on the 24th of October, 1812. He was the third in order of birth in a family of five children born to John and Agnes (Hunter) Safley, the others being John, George, Robert, and Mrs. Frances Tryon, who went to Oregon in 1850. The father, a weaver by trade, spent his entire life in the land of hills and heather, passing away in 1832 from the effects of cholera. Later, however, the family became established in the United States, various members arriving in the new world at different periods. James, the subject of this review, was the first to cross the water, while a year later, in 1836, the mother and eldest son John, and daughter, in company with John Ferguson, his wife and two children, and Charles Dallas and his two children, came to Iowa. They made their way to Illinois, where the winter of that year was spent, and in 1837 came to Cedar county, where they made permanent settlement, the party being the first to arrive in Red Oak township. The year 1842 witnessed the arrival of the sons George and Robert in the United States. The mother passed away in Linn county, Iowa, in 1842.

In his native land James Safley spent the period of his boyhood and youth, and in the schools of that country acquired his education. He early began assisting his father in the weaving mill and was thus engaged until twenty-three years of age, when, believing that the new world held better opportunities for business advancement, he joined some relatives who were making the journey to the United States. They located at Waterford, New York, and in the following

year Mr. Safley, with friends, went to LaGrange county, Indiana, as one of the pioneers of that district. Becoming badly afflicted with rheumatism, however, he was obliged to return to New York, and he made his home in Cohoes, that state, until 1839, when he was again attracted by the advantages of the rapidly growing west. He arrived in Linn county, Iowa, in November of that year, making the journey from Chicago by team. He continued his residence in that county for three years, and then, in the spring of 1843, he came to Cedar county, which remained the scene of his activities throughout the remainder of his life. He had become identified with agricultural interests upon his arrival in the United States, and upon coming to Cedar county he bought from the government three hundred and twenty acres of land about two miles north of Tipton, which still remains the family homestead. This farm lies partly in Red Oak and partly in Center township, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres on section 24 of the former township and one hundred and sixty acres on section 25 of the latter.

At the time Mr. Safley located here Iowa was still known as the "far west," her lands remaining largely unclaimed and uncultivated, and with the early pioneers who had braved the dangers of frontier life he cast in his lot, enduring all the hardships and privations incident to openinig up a new farm. He possessed, however, in large measure those qualities of thrift and perseverance which seem to be characteristic of the Scotch race, and these proved potent forces in the success which came to him as year by year he carried on his agricultural pursuits, bending every energy to the further development and improvement of his farm. During his early residence in Cedar county few roads had been laid out and railroads had not yet been built, and he was compelled to haul his wheat to Muscatine, thirty miles away, or to Davenport, forty miles away, where he sold it at forty cents per bushel. Money was scarce in those days, and only part of his payment was received in cash, the other part being taken out in trade. He sold dressed pork in Iowa City for one dollar and twenty-five cents per hundred pounds, and also hauled it to Galena, Illinois, where he sold it at the mines, receiving gold in payment. But in spite of primitive conditions Mr. Safley prospered from year to year, and as success came to him in his undertaking he invested in real estate, so that at the time of his death, which occurred on the 9th of January, 1880, he was the owner of fifteen hundred acres of valuable Iowa land, constituting him one of the extensive property owners of this locality. For almost four decades he was identified with the history of this state, witnessing the wonderful transformation from a wild tract into a splendid commonwealth, and at all times bore his full share in the work of development and improvement. Death came to him ere he had reached the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, and cut off a life that had been characterized by untiring industry and unfaltering perseverance, and crowned by well merited success.

Mr. Safley had been married three times. On the 7th of January, 1837, he wedded Janet Safley, a cousin, who passed away in Red Oak township on the 8th of March, 1847. Unto this union were born five children. The eldest son, John G. Safley, was a graduate of Cornell College, Mount Vernon, with the class of 1859, and later pursued a law course at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. In 1866 he was called to represent Cedar county in the legislature. After

his graduation from that institution he located for practice at Toledo, Iowa, and there followed the legal profession for several years as junior member of the firm of Stivers & Safley. His health failing, however, he was later compelled to reside on a large farm south of Traer, Iowa, where he spent his remaining days, passing away on the 12th of July, 1879. He had been a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting as a private in Company K, Eleventh Iowa Regiment, and before receiving his discharge had been promoted to captain of Company E, that regiment. He participated in many hotly contested engagements of the war and was wounded at the battle of Atlanta on the 22d of July, 1864. He married Jennie Fraseur of Tipton and left one son and two daughters. Robert Lowe, the second son, now deceased, was also a soldier in the Union army, enlisting on the 8th of August, 1862, as a member of Company C, Twenty-fourth Iowa Infantry. His death occurred on the 19th of April, 1863, as a result of sickness contracted at Milliken's Bend, and his remains were laid to rest in the National cemetery at Vicksburg. Socrates Tryon, likewise a soldier in the Civil war, enlisted in Company K, Eleventh Iowa Volunteers and was killed at the battle of Atlanta, July 22, 1864. Isabelle, a twin sister of Socrates, passed away in infancy. Janet, the youngest member of the family, died in Indiana when but two years of age.

After the death of his first wife Mr. Safley was united in marriage on the 26th of July, 1848, to Mrs. Eliza Tryon Peet, the widow of Marlin Peet, of Jones county, who was a native of Poultney, Vermont. Unto that union were born four children, as follows: Mary, who passed away at the age of one and a half years; Hulda, the wife of Marion R. McCaulley, of Eugene, Oregon; George William, of Calhoun county, Iowa, who is married and has nine sons and two daughters; and Laura, the wife of Amos M. Hawley, a resident of Scranton, Greene county, Iowa. Mrs. Safley passed to her final rest on the 25th of July, 1859.

On the 18th of September, 1860, Mr. Safley wedded Margaret Ritchie, who was born in Scotland on the 3d of July, 1838. When twelve years old she lost her mother, after which she was reared by an aunt, with whom she came to the United States in 1851. They located first in Knox county, Illinois, and later, in May, 1853, came to Iowa, where she resided in Linn county until her marriage. Since that time, or for a period of nearly fifty years, she has made her home on the old Safley homestead, upon which her husband had located in early pioneer times. A remarkable business woman, she has shown excellent ability in the management of the large estate left to her at her husband's death, and also in the capable way in which she has reared and educated her family. Well read, she is a lady of broad general knowledge, and her strength of character and many fine traits of heart and mind have won her the respect and good will of a large circle of warm friends. By her marriage to Mr. Safley she became the mother of seven children. Clarence, the eldest, was born August 9, 1862, and was a student of the high school at Tipton. He followed the occupation of farming and stock-raising for many years but is now living retired in Tipton. He married Minerva Wisener, and unto them have been born two children: James Clifford, whose birth occurred on the 25th of April, 1894; and May Elizabeth, born August 10, 1905. Nellie, born in 1865, married Walter J. Bray, of Arlington Heights, Illi-

nois, and they have two children: Margaret Jean, born May 2, 1900; and Helen Safley, born January 18, 1903. James Arthur, who was born March 17, 1867, is a farmer by occupation, residing on a tract of land adjoining the old homestead in Red Oak township. He was married on the 17th of March, 1896, to Margaret Phelps, and they have five children: Henrietta, born March 17, 1897; Effie, born March 12, 1899; Ritchie, born September 4, 1901; Emily Louise, born May 30, 1903; and Maurice Phelps, born July 6, 1905. Effie, born March 12, 1869, passed away on the 4th of December, 1879. Archibald Lester, born December 9, 1871, was married April 18, 1905, to Miss Lucy Walenta, by whom he has three children: Jessie E., born February 25, 1906; James Lester, born December 18, 1907; and Florence, born January 5, 1910. He also follows agriculture as an occupation, owning and operating the old home farm. Agnes Isabelle, who was born May 14, 1875, was graduated from the State University of Iowa in 1899 with the B. S. degree, and also pursued a medical course in that institution. Upon her graduation from that department in 1904 she located for practice in Cedar Rapids and has since remained in that city. Margaret James, named for her father and mother, was born upon the day her father passed away, January 9, 1880. She won her B. A. degree upon her graduation from the State University of Iowa in 1900 and was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa sorority. Following her graduation she taught history in Washington, Iowa, for six years, and on the 15th of September, 1909, was united in marriage to Rev. R. D. Echlin, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Sioux City, Iowa.

JOHN J. ACKERMAN.

John J. Ackerman, who has passed the ninetieth milestone on life's journey, is one of the venerable and respected residents of Cedar county, within the borders of which he has made his home for practically seven decades. He followed farming and stock-raising throughout his active business career and at one time owned more than five hundred acres of valuable land in this county. He still retains a farm of two hundred and thirty-three acres in Inland township and resides thereon with his daughter, the place being operated by his son-in-law.

His birth occurred in Wurtemberg, Germany, on the 6th of October, 1819, his parents being Matthias and Christina Ackerman. In 1831 they crosssed the Atlantic to the United States, arriving in New York on the 1st of October of that year. While en route to Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, which was their destination, they stopped at the Black Bear Hotel in Philadelphia, our subject being just twelve years old on that day. A short time after their arrival in Lancaster county the mother passed away. The following spring John J. Ackerman went to Louisville, Kentucky, with his father, while in September, 1832, he located in Crawfordsville, Indiana. In the spring of 1833 he went to Cincinnati, where he was apprenticed to the baker's trade, there remaining for two and a half years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Crawfordsville, ville, Indiana, with his father and was there engaged in the grocery business for four years.

In the spring of 1839 Mr. Ackerman came to Iowa, crossing the Mississippi river at Rockingham, seven miles below Davenport. Thence he made his way to Posten's Grove, in what was then known as Springfield township, Cedar county, which included what is now Massillon, Springfield and Inland townships. James Posten, the first settler in Inland township, was living there at that time. Mr. Ackerman here turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits and met with excellent success in his undertakings, accumulating more than five hundred acres of land. In connection with the tilling of the soil he was also engaged in stock-raising, which branch of his business added materially to his income. He still retains a farm of two hundred and thirty-three acres in Inland township, where he resides with his daughter Nancy and her husband. At the time of the gold excitement in California he crossed the plains to that state, leaving Iowa by wagon on the 7th of March, 1850, and reaching his destination on the 28th of July of that year. He was successful in his search for the precious metal and returned to this state in 1852, in which year his father died.

Mr. Ackerman has been married twice. On the 3d of August, 1852, he wedded Miss Nancy Scarlet, who passed away on the 10th of September, 1864, leaving four children, as follows: Amanda Ann, whose natal day was July 8, 1853; George W., who was born May 2, 1857; Nancy N., whose birth occurred May 29, 1859; and Catherine C., born March 22, 1863. For his second wife Mr. Ackerman chose Mrs. Nancy J. Reader, whom he wedded on the 8th of January, 1868.

Mr. Ackerman is a republican in his political views and served as one of the first trustees of Inland township. He cast his first presidential ballot for Martin Van Buren and in 1868 became a republican, having since supported all the candidates at the head of that party with the exception of Taft. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, while fraternally he has been identified with the Masons since 1865. Though now in the ninety-first year of his age, he is still bright and active and has the appearance of a much younger man. He attributes his long life to the fact that he has always endeavored to follow his mother's dying request and to live honestly and temperately and to help the poor and needy. No good work in the name of charity or religion has ever sought his aid in vain and generosity has always been one of his most salient characteristics.

F. A. KESTER.

F. A. Kester, who resides on an attractive farm adjoining the village of Rochester, is known not only as a substantial farmer but also as a breeder of thoroughbred Poland China hogs, his stock being some of the finest to be found in Cedar county. He was born on the farm which is still his home, his natal day being October 22, 1877. He is the youngest in a family of four children, whose parents were John F. and Martha Ellen (Walters) Kester. The Kester family located in Cedar county at an early day, coming from Pennsylvania, and it was here that John F. Kester was born, and his wife was also a native of this section of Iowa. The parents died in 1887, their death occurring on the same

day, from diphtheria. The record of their children is as follows: Elizabeth, the widow of A. E. Edwards, of Cedar Rapids; Ira Alvin, a farmer, residing near West Liberty, Iowa; Ida Ellen, the wife of Elmer Cole, a resident of Cedar Rapids; and F. A., of this review.

F. A. Kester was a little lad of ten years when he lost his parents and he was then taken into the home of his maternal grandfather, Noah Walters, who came to Cedar county from Ohio in 1845, establishing his home in Rochester, where he lived until his death, which occurred in October, 1903, when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-four years. Mr. Kester is now the owner of the old homestead, comprising one hundred and forty acres, situated on section 2, Rochester township. Many of the improvements on the place have been made by him and he follows the most modern methods in his work. The land is very productive and this, together with its close proximity to the village of Rochester, makes it a valuable property. Mr. Kester carries on general farming and has gained a reputation in the county as a breeder of Poland China hogs. At the present time he has sixty-three head, of which fifty are registered.

Mr. Kester established a home of his own on the 18th of February, 1904, by his marriage to Miss Myrtle May Wilkerson, who was born near Wilton, Iowa, in 1882, a daughter of Charles Wilkerson. Mr. Kester is a republican in his political views and is ever active and interested in local affairs of a public nature. He is now serving as secretary of the school board of Rochester township and is also secretary and treasurer of the Rochester & Tipton Telephone Company. He stands as a high type of American manhood, who has won success in a useful field of business and gained the respect and honor of his fellowmen by his public service and private life.

J. D. ANDERSON.

J. D. Anderson devotes his time to the cultivation of one hundred and fifty acres of land, located on section 1, Rochester township. He is a native of Cedar county, born on a farm in Iowa township, August 20, 1862. His father, John Rutledge Anderson, was born in Leesburg, Loudoun county, Virginia, May 25, 1823. His grandfather served in the war of 1812. About 1841 the latter's widow, with her two children, John R. and Adaline, removed to Ohio and ten years later came to Iowa, making the journey with ox-teams. Her son was married in this state on the 26th of June, 1860, to Miss Nancy A. Johnston, who was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, June 17, 1834, and when but two years of age was taken by her parents, David and Catharine (Shires) Johnston, to Ohio. They made their home in the Buckeye state for a few years and then came to Cedar county, Iowa, the daughter being twelve years old at the time of the family's arrival in this locality. Here she grew to years of maturity and gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Anderson. Her father died in Cedar county but the mother passed away in Linn county, Iowa. They became the parents of three sons and eight daughters.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. John R. Anderson began their domestic life on a farm and in 1866 he purchased two hundred acres of land and

from that time to the present this has been in possession of the family. He was identified with farming interests in Cedar county until the time of his death, which occurred on the 10th of August, 1889. His widow is still living and now makes her home with our subject, having reached the age of seventy-six years. By her marriage she became the mother of four children: J. D., of this review; Lee, of Rochester, Iowa; S. P., deceased; and Kate, the wife of C. U. Edwards, of California.

J. D. Anderson was reared to farm life and with the exception of three years spent in South Dakota has always resided in Cedar county. At the usual age he was sent to the district schools, wherein he mastered the common branches of learning and during the periods of vacation he was trained in the work of the fields. In 1882 he went to South Dakota and entered land, spending three years in that state. At the end of that time he disposed of his interests and returned to Cedar county, now owning one hundred and fifty acres of the old homestead, situated on section 1, Rochester township. On the place stands a good brick residence and substantial outbuildings and Mr. Anderson keeps everything in good condition, while he follows systematic methods in the cultivation of his crops so that the best results obtain.

Mr. Anderson has been twice married. His first union was with Miss Winnie Edgeington, their marriage being celebrated in 1879. She was born in Pottawattamie county, Iowa, and died in Crawford county, this state. There is one son of that union, Elwood, principal of a high school in Omaha, Nebraska. He is a graduate in law and practiced for two years prior to engaging in teaching. Mr. Anderson was married in 1887 to Jennie Atkinson, a native of Rock Island county, Illinois. There are six children of this marriage, Roscoe, Harold, Veda, Vance, Gladys and Donald. All are at home with the exception of the eldest son, Roscoe, who is married and farms on a tract of land adjoining the homestead. Mr. Anderson is not a man in public life but prefers to spend his time in the pursuit of his private interests and finds his greatest social enjoyment in the companionship of his wife and children at his own fireside.

CHARLES E. WOODS.

In connection with the stock-raising interests of Cedar county mention should be made of Charles E. Woods who, as owner of two large stock farms, is doing an extensive and profitable business in that direction. One of Cedar county's native sons, he was born in Center township on the 1st of December, 1869, a son of Richard M. Woods, who was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania. The father was a young man of twenty years when, alone, he came to Iowa and cast in his lot with the early pioneers of this district. The journey was made by way of the river route as far as Muscatine, Iowa, from which point he traveled overland to Cedar county, where he located on a farm about five miles west of Tipton in Center township. There he became the owner of two hundred acres of farm land, besides some valuable timber land, and on the place where he had originally located he spent his remaining days, passing away in April, 1906, when

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he had reached the ripe old age of eighty-three years. He has been twice married and by his first union became the father of six children. After the death of his first wife he married Mrs. Anna M. Darger, the widow of a farmer, who by her previous marriage had three children. Mrs. Woods, who was in her maidenhood Anna M. Sheets, was born in Virginia and died at Wyoming, Iowa, July 31, 1910, at the age of sixty-eight years, one month and eleven days. By the second union were born four children, as follows: Hattie, the wife of Emery Meyers, of Wyoming; Charles E., of this review; John, a resident of Garden City, Kansas; and Edith, the wife of Arthur Coffin, of Tama county, Iowa.

No event of special importance came to vary the routine of life for Charles E. Woods during the period of his boyhood and youth, which were spent on the home farm in Center township, amid the busy activities of rural life. His time was passed in the usual manner of the country lad of that day, acquiring his education in the district schools of the neighborhood and when not engaged with his text-books assisting his father in the cultivation of the fields. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-two years of age, when he laid the foundation for a happy home life of his own by his marriage, on the 3d of December, 1891, to Miss Bessie M. Shank, who was born on the farm which is yet her home on the 22d of March, 1872. She is a daughter of Henry Shank, of whom extended mention is made on another page of this volume.

The young couple began their domestic life on their present farm, which Mr. Woods rented from his father-in-law for about three years, and then purchased the property, consisting of the northeast quarter of section 7, Red Oak township. The farm, which is known as the Maple Knoll Stock Farm, is well equipped with substantial buildings, all the improvements having been made by Mr. Woods. In February, 1909, he extended his interests by the purchase of another property consisting of three hundred and sixty acres in Linn township, one-half mile west of the home farm. This place, also well improved and known as Brook Side Stock Farm, is an ideal place for stock-raising purposes and especially for feeding cattle, containing five large barns and other substantial buildings for the accommodation and shelter of live stock. Attention is given to the raising of cereals, about two hundred acres of corn being planted, all of which is fed to the stock, and Mr. Woods also buys considerable. His time is chiefly given to the buying, raising, feeding and shipping of live stock, and in the year 1909 alone he marketed twenty-one carloads of stock, consisting of cattle, sheep and hogs. The extent of his transactions and the good grade of stock handled have gained him prominence throughout the district as one of the foremost stock-dealers in Cedar county, his wise management of his interests gaining him a high place among the substantial and representative business men of the county.

With the passing of the years the home of Mr. and Mrs. Woods has been blessed by the birth of five children, Glenn, Clair, Weldon, Ruth and Frank, and the family circle remains unbroken by the hand of death. Mr. Woods is a member of the United Brethren church of New Olivet, and the teachings of that institution have ever proved the guiding influences in his life. Essentially a home man, his interests and ambitions are centered in the family circle, wherein he finds his greatest happiness and contentment. In politics he is a republican but has never cared for official honors. His business record has ever been character-

ized by strict integrity and honorable methods, and the course which he has ever pursued in attaining his present success has been such as has won and held the respect and esteem of all with whom he has had business dealings, while his personal characteristics constitute him a valued citizen in the community where he resides.

JOHNSON SPEAR.

Johnson Spear, an honored veteran of the Civil war, who is now living retired in Tipton, Iowa, after a useful and well spent life mainly devoted to agricultural pursuits, is a native of Ireland, born in County Tyrone, June 1, 1845. He spent the first six years of his life in the land of his birth and then accompanied his parents, Robert and Elizabeth (Johnson) Spear, on their emigration to America. The family first located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where they remained for two years and then came to Iowa, taking up their abode in Tipton. Here our subject attended the old union school until twelve years of age and then began his business career as a farm hand, working by the month for three years.

When his adopted country became involved in the Civil war Mr. Spear resolved to enter the service, although at that time but seventeen years of age. He enlisted, however, at Tipton in August, 1862, becoming a member of Company B, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Rathburn. During the three years of his service he participated in all of the engagements in which his company took part, including the Vicksburg campaign. After the surrender of that stronghold he went to Jackson, Mississippi, with Sherman but later returned to Vicksburg and participated in the Red River Expedition under Banks. After a time he was also connected with the Army of the Potomac, being under Sheridan in his campaigns through the Shenandoah valley. On the expiration of his term of enlistment he was mustered out at Savannah, Georgia, and discharged at Davenport, Iowa, at which time he bore the rank of corporal.

On his return home Mr. Spear resumed farming and continued to work for others until he attained his majority, when he began farming on his own account. After his marriage at twenty-four years of age, he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Fairfield township, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted his energies until he retired from active life in February, 1908. As time passed he prospered in his undertakings and was able to add to his property until he became the owner of three hundred and sixty acres, which he has since disposed of to his children. He is now the owner of a beautiful home on Eighth street, Tipton, and is enjoying a well earned rest.

In 1869 Mr. Spear was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Elliott, also a native of Ireland, who on coming to this country first located in Pennsylvania and later removed to Scott county, Iowa, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Elliott. By that union our subject had four children: Anna, the wife of Clark Flamsburg, who is operating the old home farm in Fairfield township; Thomas,

who married Martha Davis and is also residing in Fairfield township; Jennie, the wife of Robert McClellan of South Dakota; and Bessie, who died at the age of eighteen months. For his second wife Mr. Spear married Miss Lucy Carey, a native of Cedar county and a daughter of Moses Carey.

Prior to his removal to Tipton, Mr. Spear was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church but is now connected with the Reformed church of this city. He has always been very active in church work and has served as a teacher of the Bible class and as assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a charter member of William Beaver Post, G. A. R., of Tipton, and is one of the honored and highly esteemed citizens of Cedar county, with whose interests he has now been identified for almost sixty years.

JOHN GERBER.

John Gerber claims the picturesque land of the Alps as the place of his nativity, his birth having occurred in the canton of Berne, Switzerland, his natal day being March 15, 1857. He is a son of Ulrich and Barbara (Streit) Gerber. The father was a manufacturer of cheese, spending his entire life in his native land, where he died in 1870. In 1876 the mother emigrated to America and spent her remaining years with her son John, passing away at his home on the 26th of December, 1909, when she had reached an advanced age. She was the mother of seven children, as follows: Elizabeth, still a resident of Switzerland; Dan, who makes his home in Wisconsin; Ferene, also of Switzerland; Ulrich, who went to Norway, since which nothing has been heard of him; Fred, a resident of Virginia; John, of this review; and Christian, who died in Dakota in 1894.

John Gerber, the sixth in order of birth in the family, was reared in his mountain home to the age of sixteen years and at that period in his life, in 1873, accompanied his brother Fred on his emigration to the new world. The trip across the Atlantic was full of interest for John Gerber and he also looked forward to the superior advantages that he could enjoy in the new world and thus make a place in life for himself. He and his brother first located near Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where for three years John Gerber worked at farm labor. On the expiration of that period he made his way to Cedar county, believing that through the exceptional advantages here offered to the agriculturist, he might more quickly acquire a competency. Thus in 1876 he located here and for four years continued his work at farm labor, while in 1880 he removed to Guthrie county, this state, there purchasing a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he cultivated and on which he made his home during the succeeding twenty years. He then sold his land and returned to Cedar county, having since that time resided on his father-in-law's farm of seventy-eight acres, situated on section 13, Center township. He assists in the operation of this tract of land and also helps his father-in-law in the conduct of a feed mill, Mr. Gerber running the engine in the mill. He likewise rents a separate tract of land, which is

devoted to general farming, and through his industry and perseverance he is meeting with substantial success.

It was in 1884 that Mr. Gerber established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Elma Elizabeth Beltz, who is a native of Center township, born December 31, 1862, and a daughter of Elias and Fidelia (Goodale) Beltz, both natives of Ohio. The father came to Cedar county in 1859, while his wife had come in 1852 with her parents, and it was in this county that their marriage took place. The mother departed this life June 15, 1865. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Gerber has been blessed with seven children, namely: Gilman, who married Coe Iola Collar and makes her home with her father; Lilly Barbara, who died when thirteen months old; John E.; Gertie Elma, who died when only three years of age; Harry Albert; Roscoe William; and Estella Euretta. The children still reside with their parents.

Spending his boyhood and youth amid the beautiful scenery of the Alps, Mr. Gerber has in later life enjoyed the freedom and opportunity for advancement in this country and as time has passed he has worked his way upward until today he stands not only among the successful men of Cedar county but is as well a man highly respected and esteemed in the community in which he has spent much of his life since taking up his abode in America.

ROBERT GAIGE.

Robert Gaige, a citizen of Tipton, whose many substantial qualities have won him high regard and whose influence is always found on the side of reform, improvement and progress, was for many years closely associated with agricultural interests in this part of the state but is now living retired. He was born in Owego, Tioga county, New York, on the 27th of June, 1841, and spent his youthful days there in the home of his parents, Henry and Nancy (Hayes) Gaige, who always remained residents of the Empire state. The father was a shoemaker in early life but later turned his attention to farming and for many years engaged in the tilling of the soil. He held membership in the Masonic fraternity, and both he and his wife were devoted members of the Baptist church, guiding their lives by its teachings.

Robert Gaige was seventh in order of birth in a family of nine children, four sons and five daughters, but is the only one who ever came to Iowa. He resided at the place of his nativity until he removed to Cedar county in March, 1867, arriving in Tipton when a young man of about twenty-six years. He has since made his home here and is widely known in the county. His education was acquired in the district schools and he was reared to the work of the home farm, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. After coming to this county he secured land about a mile and half east of Tipton and bent his energies to the development and improvement of the farm, upon which he resided until he retired from active business life and erected his present fine home at the corner of Seventh and Mulberry streets in Tipton. He then disposed of the farm but is still the owner of lands in Dakota

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and Kansas. While living in the country he was recognized as one of the most enterprising and progressive agriculturists of the community, following practical and advanced methods which brought him substantial success as the years went by.

On the 23d of December, 1872, Mr. Gaige was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Katharine Walters, who was born near Rochester, Iowa, on the 13th of December, 1848, and has spent all of her life in this county with the exception of a brief period of four years in her childhood days, when she lived in California with her parents, Henry and Mary (Thompson) Walters. In their family were fourteen children, of whom nine are now living.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaige have no children of their own but their kindness and generosity have prompted them to adopt two boys and two girls whom they have reared as their own. Of these Ally went to California and has not been heard from since the earthquake, so it is believed that he died in that terrible disaster. Mary, who is a graduate of the high school and was formerly a teacher, is the wife of Frank McClelland of Stanwood, Iowa, and has two children. Claud, a traveling man, residing in Duluth, Minnesota, is married and has two children. Lenore Maley is still at home and will graduate from the Tipton high school with the class of 1911. The four children born of the above marriages are regarded by Mr. Gaige as his grandchildren and he could not bestow upon them a greater love if they were of his own blood. Mrs. Sarah Burns, eighty-five years of age, also makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Gaige, who give to her the care and devotion which should ever be accorded the aged. Thus the Christianity of these worthy people finds exemplification in their daily lives. Both are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are strong and earnest temperance workers. Mr. Gaige exercises his right of franchise in support of the prohibition party.

PAUL H. DOWNING.

Paul H. Downing, one of the popular citizens and successful business men of Tipton, capably controlling and managing large interests, was born in Greene county, Indiana, October 8, 1851, but has spent almost his entire life in Iowa, having been brought to Cedar county in 1854 by his parents, Albert and Sarah (Moore) Downing, both of whom were natives of Virginia. The father was born September 15, 1815, and was only two years of age when his parents removed with their family to Jackson county, Indiana, where he resided until after he had attained his majority. He was married in Greene county, Indiana, on the 25th day of January, 1847, to Miss Sarah Moore, who was born in Virginia, April 13, 1821. They came to Iowa in 1854 and Mr. Downing secured a tract of land from the government, upon which not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made. At once he began to till and improve this farm and extended its boundaries until it comprised five hundred and twenty acres. His original holdings were only two hundred and forty acres. Year by year he carried on the work of improvement and progress and became one of the prosperous

agriculturists of the community. He died July 14, 1877, and his wife, surviving him for about sixteen years, passed away on the 12th of February, 1893.

They were the parents of six children: Alexander G., now living in Des Moines; John, a resident of Springdale township; Albert, whose home is in Corning, Iowa; George, also of Springdale township; Paul H., of this review; and Andrew, who is living in Corning. The eldest son, Alexander, enlisted on the 15th of August, 1861, in defense of the Union cause, becoming a member of Company E, Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, when only eighteen years of age. He afterward veteranized and was mustered out July 22, 1865, following the close of hostilities. He is now actively connected with Drake University at Des Moines.

The family home following the removal of the parents to Iowa was established about two miles north of Bennett in Springfield township, from which point they looked abroad over a wild and unimproved prairie. Comparatively few settlements had been made in this district and the hardships and privations of pioneer life confronted them. Paul H. Downing bore his part in the work of early development and improvement as the years passed on and when he started out in life on his own account chose the occupation to which he had been reared. For a long period he carried on general agricultural pursuits with good success, giving his attention to the work of tilling the soil until he removed to Tipton in 1893.

Mr. Downing has since been active along other lines, having been elected county auditor in 1896, while re-election continued him in the office for three consecutive terms or for six years. He has been a lifelong republican, unswerving in his allegiance to the party, and is now serving for his third term as a member of the city council. After leaving the auditor's office he turned his attention to the real-estate business, in which he has since been engaged, and aside from representing others in the purchase and sale of property he is the owner of two hundred acres of valuable land in Springdale township and six hundred and forty acres in the eastern part of South Dakota. He is likewise a director of the Cedar County State Bank and was director and vice president of the original Savings Bank of Tipton, thus continuing until it was sold and surrendered its charter.

On the 29th of January, 1890, Mr. Downing was united in marriage to Miss Marian M. Gemmill, who was born in La Salle county, Illinois, December 14, 1860, and went with her parents to Ida county, Iowa, where she was married. She is a daughter of William and Jean (Patten) Gemmill, both of whom were natives of Scotland. They were married in that land, after which they came to Illinois in 1856 with two daughters. Mr. Gemmill died in Illinois in 1875, and his widow afterward removed to Ida county, Iowa, with her family in 1889. There she passed away May 1, 1904. Of her children two were born in Scotland and nine in Illinois, while eight are yet living. Mr. and Mrs. Downing have no children of their own but have reared as an adopted daughter, Margaret, the niece of Mrs. Downing.

In 1898 Mr. Downing erected a fine residence on Seventh street, where the family are most comfortably and attractively located. He is a member of the

Masonic fraternity and also of the Knights of Pythias lodge, loyal to the teachings of those orders and exemplifying in his life their helpful and beneficent spirit.

Mr. Downing has witnessed many changes since he came to this county more than fifty-six years ago. There was only one house between his boyhood home and Tipton, a distance of eight and a half miles. The journey westward was made with ox-teams, after which the oxen were used in breaking prairie. There was not a tree in sight of the home and the closest one was in a grove about four miles away. The produce had to be hauled to Davenport, thirty miles distant, and in the early spring and fall, when there were heavy rains, the roads were often almost impassable. Time and man, however, have wrought many changes and Mr. Downing has lived to see a wonderful transformation here for the wild land has all been converted into fine farms containing splendidly developed fields and rich pastures in which high grade stock is fed. The pioneer log cabins and little frame dwellings have also been replaced by commodious and substantial residences, and the county bears every evidence of prosperity and progress.

OSCAR WILLS.

Oscar Wills, who for the past ten years has served as station agent at Tipton for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, is there also engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in association with A. M. McCormick, the firm being known as McCormick & Wills. Tipton has remained his home since he first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 5th of June, 1870. His parents were James and Kate (Davis) Wills, the former born in Indiana on the 22d of June, 1836, and the latter in Ohio on the 19th of February, 1845. They came to Tipton with their respective parents in childhood and here James Wills still makes his home. His wife passed away in Tipton on the 14th of April, 1898. Their children were four in number, as follows: John, who is a resident of Idaho; Gertrude, the wife of J. W. Tuthill, of Washington, D. C.; Esther, the wife of H. J. Gilliland, of Tipton; and Oscar, of this review.

Oscar Wills supplemented his preliminary education by a course of study in the Tipton high school and then, being obliged to provide for his own support, he secured a position in the brickyards, where he was employed for five years. In 1890 he took up the study of telegraphy in the office of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company at Tipton and the following year began drawing a salary as telegrapher. Ten years ago he assumed the duties of his present position as station agent and has therefore remained in the service of the railroad at Tipton for the past nineteen years, with the exception of one year on the main line. On the 11th of January, 1909, in association with A. M. McCormick, he purchased the furniture and undertaking establishment of F. W. Casterline and the enterprise has since been conducted under the firm style of McCormick & Wills. They carry a large and carefully selected line of goods and have already won a liberal patronage.

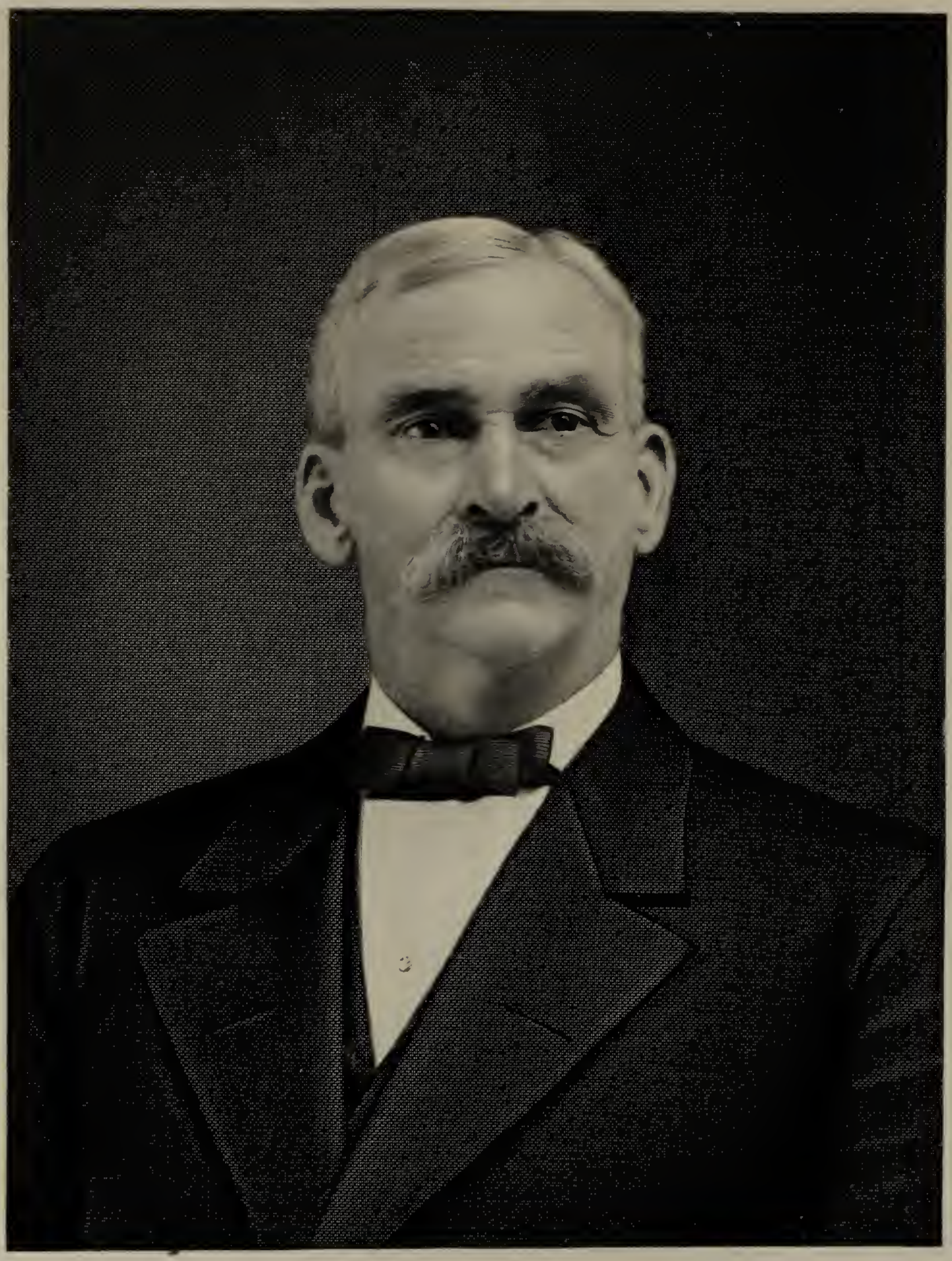
On the 5th of November, 1897, Mr. Wills was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Lee Thompson, a native of Tipton, who was called to her final rest on the 10th of January, 1909. He is a republican in his political views and for two years ably represented the first ward in the city council. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, while fraternally he is identified with Cedar Lodge, No. 11, A. F. & A. M.; Siloam Chapter, No. 19, R. A. M.; and the Knights of Pythias. He enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance in Tipton and vicinity and is popular in both business and social circles.

THOMAS ALEXANDER SPEAR.

More than half a century has come and gone since Thomas Alexander Spear arrived in Cedar county when a youth of ten years. Not long after he started out in life on his own account and, realizing the fact that there is no excellence without labor, he has persistently and with unfaltering energy carried on the work to which he had set himself, overcoming all difficulties and obstacles by determined and unremitting effort and thus gradually working his way upward until he is today honored as one of the most extensive landowners and prosperous citizens of this county.

A native of County Tyrone, Ireland, Mr. Spear was born March 4, 1843, and was one of eleven children whose parents were Robert and Elizabeth (Johnston) Spear, also natives of the Emerald isle. The former was born March 1, 1804, while the latter was born September 1, 1816, in the same house in which her mother and her grandmother were born and which was also the birthplace of Thomas A. Spear and his brothers and sisters. Robert Spear carried on farming and also worked at the stone-mason's trade in Ireland until 1853, when he crossed the Atlantic to the new world with his family, establishing his home in Philadelphia. Two years later he came with his family to Cedar county, Iowa, where he successfully followed the occupation of farming. It was in 1831 that he wedded Elizabeth Johnston and they traveled life's journey together for more than sixty-one years, being separated by the death of Mr. Spear on the 5th of December, 1892. His widow survived him until June 21, 1901.

Their children were as follows: Robert, who was born December 29, 1832, and is now deceased; Mrs. Mary Jane McCabe, who was born June 14, 1834, and is living in Philadelphia; Mrs. Margaret McCabe, who was born December 27, 1836, and is now deceased; John, who died in infancy ere the family came to America; John, who was born May 1, 1839, and lives in Stanwood, Iowa; William, who was born October 31, 1842, and makes his home in Cass county, Iowa; Thomas A., of this review; Johnston, who was born June 1, 1845, and is a resident of Tipton; Anna, who was born March 6, 1850, and is the deceased wife of Thomas McCabe; Stewart, who was born September 4, 1852, and is living in Fairfield township; Armstrong, who was born September 4, 1854, and is a resident of Philadelphia. He was only three weeks old when the family left Ireland for the new world.



Alex Spear

Harriet E Spear

Thomas Alexander Spear was a lad of eight years when the family emigrated from the old country and had but completed his first decade at the time of their arrival in Tipton, since which time he has remained in Cedar county. They left Liverpool on the sailing vessel "America" which on the voyage was disabled, the masts being blown away. They were seven weeks on the ocean and the food and water supply both became so nearly exhausted that they were put on short rations. Mr. Spear remembers eating raw potato skins with relish. Many died on the ship and most of the passengers believed that they would never reach land but at length the storm ceased and temporary masts were put up. Favoring winds at length brought them to New York and eventually the family reached Philadelphia, where they joined the grandparents and two sisters of our subject who had preceded them. On reaching this county they took up their abode in a log cabin in the south part of Tipton.

During the first winter Thomas A. Spear began working for his board for William Moffit and was allowed to attend school for a few weeks, the sessions of school being held in a little log house. For three years he worked by the month at farm labor and was allowed to attend school a few weeks each winter. After that he worked the year around and though his educational privileges were limited, experience, observation and reading have gradually broadened his knowledge and have made of him a practical, intelligent business man. His last employer was R. M. Moore, who gave him six dollars per month during the summer seasons but gave only board during the winter months. When fourteen years of age he joined his parents, who took up their abode on a rented farm in Red Oak township, and he continued to aid his father in the cultivation of the home farm until after the war.

In the meantime Mr. Spear carefully saved his earnings until he was able to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of prairie land two miles east of Red Oak Grove, paying twenty dollars per acre for the property. He broke the prairie and placed his fields under cultivation and improved his farm as best he could. However, he had to work outside for three or four years to get money enough to carry on the work on his farm. After building a little house, he married and resided upon that place until he removed to Tipton twenty-five years ago. He still owns his original tract and also the one hundred and sixty acres which his father bought in Fairfield township, this being the first property owned by the Spear family in America. Mr. Spear now owns seven hundred and twenty acres in Fairfield township, which he purchased at a later day, and fourteen acres of timber in Red Oak township. His holdings also include six hundred and forty acres in three farms in Center township, forty acres in Rochester township, nine hundred and sixty acres in Aurora county, South Dakota, and three hundred and twenty acres adjoining the corporation limits in Pierre, South Dakota. Those who read between the lines will know something of the wonderful energy, unfaltering perseverance and keen business discernment that Mr. Spear has manifested to thus prosper. He is today one of the most extensive landholders in the county and also has other valuable property interests. On removing to Tipton he purchased a block on Ninth street, between Cedar and Meridian streets, and there built his present fine home and also a commodious and beautiful residence on the same block for his son Forrest. He

likewise owns his parents' old home opposite the Tipton Hotel, where they spent their later days, and he has elsewhere a good residence and three lots together with five and three-quarters acres of land two blocks north of his home. His property holdings in the city are valuable and extensive, and he has engaged in buying and selling land for the past quarter of a century, his unfailing judgment concerning property values enabling him to make judicious investments and profitable sales. He has been a director in the Cedar County State Bank for over thirty years and is widely known as one of the most prominent breeders of Angus cattle, French coach and English Shire horses. He bred the first grand champion steer of the world, "Shamrock," exhibited in 1902 at the International Stock Show in Chicago and sold on foot for fifty-six cents a pound. He has made considerable money as a dealer in live stock, selling hogs at the time of the Civil war for thirteen dollars per hundred and since then for eleven dollars and fifty cents per hundred weight. During the war he also sold four teams of oxen for eight dollars and twenty-five cents per hundred. Some prices, however, were very low for corn sold at ten cents per bushel and wheat for thirty cents per bushel. His nearest markets were at Muscatine and Davenport, a distance from his home of thirty-five and forty miles respectively. To this point he would haul his farm products, starting in the morning before daybreak and arriving before night. From actual experience he can tell the tales of early days when there were many hardships and privations to be borne incident to establishing a home on the frontier.

On the 20th of December, 1870, Mr. Spear was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Emily Fulwider, who was born in Center township, Cedar county, Iowa, February 24, 1851, upon the farm which is now the property of Mr. Spear. Her parents, Henry and Harriet (Kincade) Fulwider, were both natives of Greenbrier county, West Virginia. The former was born April 4, 1804, and the latter June 10, 1810. They were reared and married in their native state, then went to Indiana and later to Missouri, and in 1835 came to Iowa. Mr. Fulwider aided in driving the stakes that marked out the county seat of Tipton. He and his wife continued to reside in Cedar county through their remaining days and were among the most worthy and honored pioneer settlers, taking a most active and helpful part in the progress and upbuilding of this community. They were married in 1829 and Mr. Fulwider passed away at the age of eighty-two years, while his wife reached the age of eighty-six years. They were the parents of twelve children, nine of whom reached adult age, namely: Mrs. Elizabeth Bolton, who is now deceased, Mrs. Sarah Ann Hanna; Mrs. Allie Hill and Mrs. Ellen Edmeson, all of whom are now deceased; Andrew, who is living in Blockton, Iowa; Marion, deceased; Newton S., of Denver, Colorado; Henry M., of St. Louis; and Mrs. Spear.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Spear have been born two children: Nellie M., born November 29, 1874, is the wife of B. A. May of Tipton and has one child, Ursula, born May 1, 1900. Forrest Wayman, born July 10, 1877, married Gertrude Crum and has two children, Dorothy, born February 20, 1903, and Alfred Alexander, born May 25, 1910. His home adjoins that of his father.

RESIDENCE OF T. A. SPEAR

Mr. Spear returned to his native land about twenty-five years ago and found that the little home in which the children were all born stood there without change. He has been a life-long republican but never a candidate for office. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and attends the Methodist Episcopal church, aiding in building the fine house of worship here. He displays the ready adaptability characteristic of his nationality, the industry and resourcefulness, and these qualities have constituted the basis of his success. His has been a notable record, showing what can be accomplished by earnest and persistent effort guided by intelligence and determination. He is today one of the most prominent residents of Cedar county and one of her wealthy citizens, and his prosperity is entirely the result of his own labors.

J. E. HARRIS.

J. E. Harris is a native of Cedar county, his birth having occurred in Center township upon the Harris homestead, March 29, 1861. He is at present living upon a splendid farm of one hundred and sixty acres in section 10, Inland township, and is carrying on general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of shorthorn cattle. He is a son of W. F. and Mary (Bolton) Harris, early settlers of Cedar county, having come here in 1860.

W. F. Harris was born in Virginia. For several years he lived there, and then moved with his family to Tennessee, where he grew to manhood and married Mary Bolton, native of that state. She was reared in Tennessee and died in 1885 at Wilton, Iowa. It was in 1860 that W. F. Harris and his wife came to Cedar county and eight years later he bought his first land. Later he removed to Scott county, Iowa, and for five years resided there, subsequently returning to Cedar county. At present he lives in Dallas county, Iowa.

J. E. Harris was one of a family of eight children and is the only one now residing in Cedar county. His boyhood days were spent in this and Scott county and he received his education in the district schools. At the age of twenty-one years he began farming for himself, renting land in Clinton county. He was very successful in his work, owing to a rugged constitution and an ability to work hard and manage well, and soon accumulated considerable money. He later returned to Cedar county and purchased a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres in section 10, Inland township, where he carries on general farming, giving special attention to the breeding of shorthorn cattle.

Upon the 14th of October, 1886, Mr. Harris was united in marriage to Miss Anna Belle Wharton, a daughter of the early settler of the county, the late James Wharton, Jr., whose biography appears in another portion of this work. To this union there were born five children: Paul, Gail, Don, Joyce and Pearl, all of whom are living with their parents.

Independent in his political beliefs, Mr. Harris has never cared for office, although he has given of his time to the public schools, serving as director several terms. A quiet, industrious man, he has made his way by strict attention

to his own affairs and the employment of his natural talents for farming and stock-raising. He is well thought of in the community in which he lives and is one of the representative citizens of the county.

JAMES R. GUNN.

James R. Gunn makes his home in Mechanicsville but gives personal supervision to the operation and improvement of his farm of three hundred and thirty-eight acres, which is a valuable property lying in Fremont and Pioneer townships. During the pioneer period in the history of Iowa, James R. Gunn entered upon the scene of activity and through the intervening years has borne his part in the work of general progress and upbuilding. He was born in Linn county, July 31, 1855, and is a son of Joseph Gunn, a native of Ohio, who spent his youthful days in the Buckeye state and when a young man went to Illinois, where he was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Boyd, a native of the latter state. For several years Joseph Gunn carried on farming in Illinois and one child was born unto them there. Subsequently he removed with his family to Linn county, Iowa, there settling upon a farm about 1845. He devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits there until he came to Cedar county, when he bought a tract of land in Fremont township, whereon he engaged in tilling the soil until 1872. In that year he sold his property and removed to Jewell county, Kansas, where he remained for a number of years, after which he returned to Iowa, becoming a resident of Benton county. Upon the farm which he there purchased he spent his remaining days, his death occurring in 1908. His wife passed away in September of the same year and the community thus lost two of its worthy citizens for Mr. and Mrs. Gunn were people of the highest respectability and enjoyed the esteem of all who knew them.

James R. Gunn was largely reared upon the home farm in Fremont township, Cedar county, and remained with his father until the latter went to Kansas. His time was chiefly given to the work of the fields and to the acquirement of an education, although his school privileges were somewhat limited, his knowledge being greatly promoted by his reading, observation and broad experiences in later life. On the 28th of December, 1876, in Jones county, he was married to Miss Elmira Elizabeth Dewald who was born in Northampton, Pennsylvania, and when nine years of age was brought to Cedar county, Iowa, by her step father, Jacob Miller.

Following his marriage Mr. Gunn worked by the month as a farm hand for a time and then removed to Jewell county, Kansas, where he purchased school land and opened up a new farm. His first home there was a sod house. For four years he carried on general agricultural pursuits, at the end of which time he disposed of his property and returned to Iowa, where he rented land and carried on farming for a year. He then bought one hundred and twenty acres, which is part of his present farm, the purchase being made possible by his careful economy and unremitting industry in former years. He at once began to cul-

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tivate his place and prospered in the undertaking so that from time to time he was able to extend the boundaries of his property until the home place comprised two hundred and sixty-six acres, while an additional purchase made his landed possessions aggregate three hundred and thirty-eight acres. Upon the home farm he erected a commodious residence, a large barn and substantial outbuildings wherein the stock, grain and farm machinery are housed. He has put up good fences and altogether made the property a well improved one. He continued his farming there until 1898, when he rented the place and removed to Mechanicsville, purchasing a home in the city. He still gives his supervision to the farm, however, and while making his home thereon he engaged quite extensively and successfully in raising and feeding stock and also conducted a dairy business, milking twenty-eight cows for the Brookside Creamery. He now owns an attractive home and four lots in Mechanicsville and he was also one of the promoters and is a stockholder in the Mechanicsville Savings Bank.

Mr. Gunn's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to the belief that the principles of the republican party are the most conducive to good government and he therefore casts his ballot for its candidates. He has been officially identified with the schools for a number of years, acting as president of the school board. He has also been a delegate to the county conventions of his party and does all in his power to promote its growth and insure its success. He belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge of Mechanicsville, in which he has filled all of the chairs and is a past grand. Both he and his wife are connected with Rebekah lodge and Mrs. Gunn is a member of the German Reform church. Mr. Gunn is a man of good business ability, as is evidenced by the fact that he started out in life on his own account without capital. He was possessed of laudable ambition, however, and his untiring industry and carefully managed business affairs have made him in time one of the substantial residents of Cedar county, while the honesty of the methods which he has pursued in business has gained for him the favorable regard and unqualified confidence of all with whom he has had transactions.

F. B. COBB.

F. B. Cobb, who is now practically living retired in Tipton, was for several years active engaged in mercantile pursuits in that city and is a representative of one of its prominent old families. He was born there on the 14th of November, 1868, a son of William and Eliza V. (Boynton) Cobb. The early home of the father was in the east, for he was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, February 24, 1838, and when ten years of age accompanied his parents on their removal to New Hampshire and later to Maine. Both he and his father were spinners by trade and the latter was for some time foreman of the Pepperell Mills at Biddeford, Maine, William Cobb working under him during their residence there. Subsequently the family removed to Illinois and in that state he enlisted as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for two years during the Civil war. Owing to

trouble with his eyes he was then transferred to Point Lookout, Maryland, where he became commissary of prisoners of war at the federal prison. Previous to this time he had taken part in the siege of Vicksburg and had participated in other engagements. After the close of the war he returned north and in 1865 came to Iowa, locating in Tipton, where he embarked in the dry goods business, being connected with that line of trade up to within two years of his death, when he turned the business over to his sons, F. B. and Brett M. He met with success in his undertakings here and became one of the leading citizens of the town. In connection with his business property he owned a beautiful home situated on five acres of land in the Culbertson and Moore additions to Tipton. He was prominently identified with the early upbuilding and development of Tipton and after a useful and well spent life he passed away on the 18th of April, 1895.

It was in January, 1868, that William Cobb was united in marriage to Miss Eliza V. Boynton, who was born in Ohio in August, 1844, and in childhood came to this state with her parents, Benjamin and Mary (Farnum) Boynton, both now deceased. Her mother was a cousin of John Brown. Mr. Boynton engaged in agricultural pursuits and upon his farm west of town burned the brick for the first courthouse erected in Tipton. Mrs. Cobb is still living. By her marriage she became the mother of four children, namely: F. B., of this review; Brett M., now a resident of Muscatine, Iowa; Gertrude, the wife of William E. Cottrell, of Tipton; and Charles, who died at the age of sixteen years.

In his native city F. B. Cobb grew to manhood and, having completed his education, began his business career as a clerk in his father's store. Later he became interested in the business, which for five years was conducted under the firm name of Cobb & Son, and when his father retired it became Cobb Brothers. Three years later, however, the name was changed to F. B. Cobb, and our subject continued to engage in mercantile pursuits until February 8, 1910, when he disposed of his stock on account of ill health. For forty years the store had been conducted by some member of the family and in addition to dry goods in later years the firm had added a stock of shoes. Carrying a large and well selected stock, they had built up an excellent trade and stood high in business circles. In 1904 Mr. Cobb erected the present Cobb block for the estate, which is a two story brick structure, seventy by one hundred feet, located on the west side of Cedar street between Hotel Tipton and the city hall. The ground floor is now rented to a mercantile firm and the second floor is divided into office rooms. This is one of the best blocks of the city and would be a credit to a place of much larger size.

On the 25th of June, 1896, Mr. Cobb married Miss Alice Hecht, who was born near Tipton, November 4, 1872, and is a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Denson) Hecht, now residing in Tipton. Mr. and Mrs. Cobb have four children, namely: William H., born June 24, 1897; Carson H., April 8, 1900; Carl, March 11, 1903; and Florence, August 11, 1905.

Having retired from mercantile pursuits he has recently purchased a small farm near Tipton, which he now expects to operate. For about twenty years he served as a member of the volunteer fire company, and as an influential and

public-spirited citizen he was called upon to serve as city clerk for two terms and as city treasurer for the same length of time. His political support is given the men and measures of the republican party and fraternally he is identified with Cedar Lodge, No. 11, A. F. & A. M., of which he was secretary for three years and master seven years.

WILLIAM M. THOMSON.

Among the retired farmers of Stanwood is numbered William M. Thomson, who was formerly actively and successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits in Fremont township, where for some years he cultivated a farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He is not only a representative citizen in his loyalty to local interests but also gave substantial evidence of his devotion to his country's welfare in the dark days of the Civil war, when he responded to the call for troops and went to the front as a Union soldier.

Mr. Thomson dates his residence in Iowa from 1866 and after two years spent in Madison county came to Cedar county in 1868. He was then a young man of twenty-two years, his birth having occcurred in Warren county, Illinois, November 9, 1846. His youthful days were there passed and at the age of eighteen years he responded to his country's call and in 1864 enlisted as a member of Company B, Eighty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry. With that command he went to the south, serving with the company for seven months, after which he was transferred to Company E of the Sixty-first Illinois Infantry, continuing with that regiment until the close of the war. He participated in numerous skirmishes and was also on detail duty at times and when the war was over he was mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky. He then returned to Illinois and was honorably discharged at Springfield in October, 1865.

Mr. Thomson then went to Monmouth, Illinois, and took up his abode on the old home farm. His mother died when he was but two and one-half years of age, after which he lived with and was reared by his grandparents. He was a young man of about twenty years when he came to Iowa, settling in Madison county, where he spent one and one-half years, there opening up a new farm. At the end of that time he came to Cedar county and resided upon one farm for fourteen years, but sold that property in 1895. Then he invested in one hundred and sixty acres of land in Red Oak township, constituting one of the good properties of the community. After living upon that place for about three years he sold it and in September, 1909, bought four acres in Stanwood. Upon that tract he built a neat home and is now practically living retired.

Mr. Thomson was married in Fremont township, February 24, 1876, to Miss Catherine Strauser, a native of Indiana, who was reared, however, in Iowa. She is a daughter of Elias Strauser, who came to this state at a comparatively early day. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Thomson have been born five sons and four daughters, namely: Elizabeth, now the wife of Samuel Striby of Stanwood; William F., of whom mention is made elsewhere; Arthur E., a resident of Tripp county, South Dakota; Francis M., a farmer of Fremont township; John E., who is

living with his brother William on a farm; Clara A., the wife of J. C. Tenly; Agnes, who was educated in Stanwood high school; Ella Ruth and Lawrence, both at home.

Mr. Thomson votes with the republican party because he believes that its principles contain the best elements of good government. He served as assessor for fourteen or fifteen years and for a number of years was a member of the school board. He has likewise been a delegate to various county and state conventions and has served on the petit jury. He believes in law and order, in progress and improvement, and his influence is always on the side of advancement. He and his wife belong to the United Presbyterian church of Stanwood and he is now serving as clerk of the official board. He has also been a church trustee for a number of years and whatever tends to promote the moral development of the community receives his endorsement. His life has ever been honorable and upright, and the rules which govern his conduct are based upon principles that neither seek nor require disguise.

WILLIAM KORTHAUS.

Nature seems to have intended that man shall enjoy a period of rest in the evening of life. In early manhood, alert, enterprising and ambitious, he enters upon his life work, and as the years pass his early progressiveness and enthusiasm are tempered by a safe conservatism that makes his efforts effective. Thus with advancing years comes success, and, if his time has been well employed, he will have in the evening of life a substantial competence, which will relieve him from the necessity for further labor. Such has been the record of William Korthaus, who is now enjoying well earned rest in Bennett, Iowa. He was for many years identified with agricultural pursuits but some years ago retired and now spends his leisure in the enjoyment of those things which are a matter of comfort and interest to him.

Like many of Iowa's stalwart citizens who had their birth or trace their ancestry to the fatherland, William Korthaus first opened his eyes to the light of day in Germany, his birth occurring on the 28th of May, 1826. He was reared and educated in his native country and in 1848 came to the United States, so that for sixty-two years he has been identified with the interests of America. Upon his arrival he made his way to Sangamon county, Illinois, where for two years he was employed as a farm hand, and in 1850 went to Scott county, Iowa, where for five years he was similarly engaged. At the expiration of that period, feeling that the money which he had been able to save from his earnings justified such a step, he purchased eighty acres of land, to which he later added two more tracts of eighty acres, becoming the owner of two hundred and forty acres in Blue Grass township, Scott county. This remained his home for a number of years, and ere his removal from Scott county he invested in two hundred and forty acres in Cleona township, making his holdings in that county four hundred and eighty acres. In 1899 he came to Cedar county and purchased

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a farm of two hundred and fifty-two and a half acres a quarter of a mile west of Bennett, so that he is now the possessor seven hundred and thirty-two and a half acres of improved and valuable farming land in Scott and Cedar counties. During the period of his active connection with agricultural interests in Iowa, which extended over almost a half century, he gave his attention to general farming and stock-raising, and that his efforts were crowned with success is indicated by his extensive and valuable landed possessions, which stand today as the monument of his life of industry, energy and thrift. Indeed, his prosperity was such that in 1894 he was able to put aside the actual work of the farm and on the 1st of September, 1900, he took up his residence in Bennett, where he has since lived retired in the enjoyment of a goodly competence.

In 1857, in Scott county, Mr. Korthaus was united in marriage to Miss Freline Otto, a daughter of John and Sophia Otto, who were pioneer settlers of Scott county. They traveled life's journey happily together until 1905 when, on the 19th of May, the wife was called to her final rest. By her marriage she had become the mother of four sons and three daughters, all of whom survive with the exception of one child. They are as follows: Amelia; Albert; Rudolph, who lives upon and operates the old homestead farm of two hundred and forty acres in Blue Grass township, Scott county; Adolph, deceased; Clara, residing with her father in Bennett; Theresa; and Theodore, who operates a farm of one hundred and fifty-two and a half acres in Inland township, Cedar county.

Upon his arrival in the United States Mr. Korthaus made a careful study of political conditions and a comparison of the platforms of the various parties resulted in his adoption of republican principles, and since that time he has been a stalwart supporter of that organization. He has never, however, sought nor desired public office, preferring to concentrate his time and attention upon his private business affairs. He attends the services of the Methodist Episcopal church and his life has ever measured up to a high standard of manhood, being governed at all times by high ideals and upright principles. Loyal in citizenship and honorable in his dealings with his fellowmen, he can, now in the evening of life, look back upon a well spent past without regret and into the future with no sense of fear.

CHARLES BROWN.

Charles Brown has been closely identified with agricultural interests in Cedar county since 1857, or for more than a half century—a period which has been characterized by untiring industry and unfaltering energy. He is one of England's contributions to the citizenship of Iowa, his birth occurring in Fridaybridge, Elm Parish, Cambridgeshire, on the 7th of July, 1831. He was the youngest in a family of eight children born unto George and Elizabeth (Muffin) Brown, all of whom reached mature years. The parents, also natives of England, spent their entire lives in that country, where the father was identified with

agricultural pursuits. He served for eleven years in the English army as a private under Wellington.

At a very early age Charles Brown entered business life, engaging as a farm hand when but seven years old, and for about ten years was employed by various farmers in the neighborhood of his home. Upon attaining his seventeenth year, however, he left the farm and went to the city of Wisbeck, where for seven years he was engaged as footman and coachman. On Sunday, November 14, 1855, he was united in marriage of Miss Maria Smith, who was born in England, January 23, 1821, and on the Wednesday following started for America, for it was his purpose to seek the business opportunities which rumor declared were to be found in the new world. Embarking at Liverpool, October 21, 1855, on the sailing vessel William Nelson, he arrived in New York on the 22d of December following and made his way to Chicago. About ten weeks were spent in Will county, Illinois.

On the 14th of March, 1856, Mr. Brown settled in Cedar county, Iowa, and here for one year was engaged as a farm hand. In 1857 he purchased a tract of land on the Cedar river, which constitutes the nucleus of his present farm, and there took up farming on his own account. He is now the owner of one hundred and sixty-two and a half acres mostly on sections 20 and 21, Cass township, but twenty acres are located in Linn township. On that farm he has continued to reside to the present day and in the meantime has directed his efforts toward its further development and improvement, having brought his fields under a high state of cultivation. Entering the business world when a mere lad, he early learned lessons of industry, perseverance and self-reliance—qualities which have ever been salient elements in his career, and as the years have gone by his record has been one of indefatigable effort, close application and intelligent direction.

In 1895 Mr. Brown was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, whose death occurred on the 3d of March. Their home was blessed with three children, but the youngest, Emily J., was accidentally shot when but twelve years of age. Two sons still survive. Henry Simon, the eldest, was born March 18, 1857, and his entire life has been spent in the neighborhood of his present home. A farmer by occupation, he is the owner of two hundred acres of valuable land, fifty-one acres of which lie in Johnson county. The remainder of the farm is located on section 20, Cass township, Cedar county, and is a well-improved property, known as the Riverside Farm. He was married in 1882 to Miss Lizzie Ehresman, who was born in Cass township on the 21st of April, 1862, and is a daughter of Daniel and Magdalena Ehresman, of that township. Unto this union were born three children, Emily, Nellie and Charles, while Mr. and Mrs. Brown are also rearing two orphan children, William Brown, a nephew, and Luther Bloom. William Smith, the second son, resides upon the old homestead, assisting his father in his agricultural interests. He married Sarah Hunter and unto them were born six children, one of whom died in infancy, the others being Frank E., Addie May, George, Raymond and William Henry. After the death of his first wife he was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Nellie Gertrude Bloom. She was in her maidenhood Miss Nellie Wesley, and by her first husband had seven

children. By her marriage to Mr. Brown she has become the mother of two children, Cora Fern and Margaret.

Charles Brown and his family are members of the German Reformed church and have ever conformed their lives to the teachings of that organization. They are well known throughout the county, where they have resided for so many years, and are held in the highest regard and esteem. Mr. Brown is numbered among the old settlers, having been an interested witness of the growth and development of the county for the past five decades, and during that time he has borne his full share in the work of improvement and has ever given his influence to those projects which have had for their object the substantial upbuilding and permanent development of the community. Although he has long since passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, he is still active in the world's work and has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek his fortune in this country, for here, where individual effort is unhampered by caste or class, he has found the success which he sought, his years of continuous activity being crowned with a most gratifying success.

LOUIS F. KUHN.

Sole owner and proprietor of the Kuhn's Bargain Store and an important factor in the commercial circles of Tipton, Louis F. Kuhn is one of Iowa's native sons, his birth having occurred in Franklin, Lee county, in September, 1869. He is the only child of Frank and Sophia (Kipp) Kuhn, the former a native of Saxony, Germany, and the latter of Hanover. Both became residents of Iowa in their childhood days and Mr. Kuhn established his home in Lee county but died in Missouri while temporarily absent from home. His widow still survives and lives in Lee county.

Louis F. Kuhn was reared in Franklin and the public schools afforded him his educational privileges. In early life he began clerking and spent six years in a general store. He afterward went to Creston, Iowa, where he engaged in clerking for six and one-half years and in 1899 came to Tipton, where he started in business on his own account, purchasing the grocery store formerly owned by C. Shawver. Gradually he has converted it into a general store. After a year he removed to his present location at No. 410 Cedar street, where he occupies a building one hundred and twenty feet in length and two stories in height, using the entire structure for his mercantile purposes. He carries a large and well selected line of goods and the store is popular with the trading public, a liberal patronage being accorded him.

In 1893 Mr. Kuhn was married in Creston to Miss Carrie Blaufuss, who was born in Lee county, Iowa, February 24, 1872, and is a daughter of Fred and Caroline Blaufuss, who were natives of Germany, where they remained until after their marriage and then crossed the Atlantic to the new world. The father is now deceased but the mother is still living in Lee county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kuhn have been born twin sons, Clarence and Clyde, who were born in Creston, November 5, 1895.

In politics Mr. Kuhn is an earnest republican and was first called to office to fill a vacancy in the city council. He was then elected and is now serving for the third year as one of the aldermen of Tipton, in which position he exercises his official prerogative in support of many progressive and reform movements. He is a member of Trinity Lutheran church, in which he is serving as deacon, and his interests center in those things which are for the welfare and benefit of the community and the individual. His record in business is a creditable one, for from the age of nine years he has made his own way in the world, his success being the result of determined effort and of unassailable commercial integrity.

HENRY W. SIEVERS.

The agricultural interests of Cedar county find in Henry W. Sievers a worthy representative. Throughout life he has made his home here and is today the owner of a valuable farm of four hundred and forty acres known as the Glendale Stock Farm, pleasantly located on section 3, Pioneer township. He was born upon this place January 29, 1858, a son of Louis Sievers, whose birth occurred in Hanover, Germany, in 1819. In his native land the father grew to manhood and in 1848 came to the new world on a sailing vessel, which was nine weeks in crossing the Atlantic. In midocean the vessel caught fire but the flames were finally extinguished before serious damage had been done, although the passengers were badly frightened. On reaching the shores of this continent Mr. Sievers proceeded at once to Missouri where he worked for John Walker on a farm for a year.

He then returned to his old home in Hanover, Germany, where he was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Rekemeyer. In 1852 he again came to America and this time located in Jones county, Iowa, where he entered eighty acres of land and improved a farm. On selling that property he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Pioneer township, Cedar county, where our subject now resides. He broke and fenced this tract and continued to make his home thereon throughout the remainder of his life. Upon the place he erected a large, two-story residence and outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock and, prospering in his farming operations, he was able to add to his farm until he had two hundred and eighty acres in the home place. He also owned another farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres in Mechanicsville and was regarded as one of the most successful farmers and financiers of the neighborhood. He died here on the 16th of June, 1899, and his wife passed away in 1904.

Mr. and Mrs. Sievers were the parents of five children, our subject being the only son. Minnie is now the wife of Fred Frey, a farmer of Jones county. Mrs. Emma Shrope is now a widow and resides in Pioneer township, this county. Caroline is the wife of Ira Ketring of Linn county, Iowa. Mary Matilda is now keeping house for her brother.

Henry W. Sievers was reared and educated in much the usual manner of farm boys and early acquired an excellent knowledge of all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He never left the parental roof and on the

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death of his father took charge of the home farm and business, later purchasing the interests of the other heirs in this property. He has since bought one hundred and sixty acres adjoining the home place and a farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres near Mechanicsville and is today successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He feeds from three to four carloads of stock for the market annually and finds that branch of his business quite profitable. At the present time he rents his land but has supervision of the property and is regarded as one of the most up-to-date and progressive business men of his locality. He and his sister were reared in the Lutheran faith and in politics he is identified with the democratic party but has never sought nor cared for official honors. He is one of the most substantial citizens of Pioneer township and is a man who commands the confidence and high regard of all with whom he is brought in contact whether in business or social life.

HARRY L. BROTHERLIN.

Harry L. Brotherlin, who for thirty years has been identified with commercial interests in Tipton as a druggist, and with one exception is the oldest merchant in years of continuous connection with the city's business interests, was born in Brownsville, Licking county, Ohio, in September, 1849, a son of Moses and Eliza (Bancroft) Brotherlin, the former a native of Blair county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Washington county, New York. They were married in Licking county, Ohio, and both spent their last days in Le Claire, Scott county, Iowa. Mr. Brotherlin followed merchandizing during the greater part of his life, thus providing comfort for his family which numbered three children: Frances and Helen, who are residents of Le Claire; and Harry L.

At the place of his nativity Harry L. Brotherlin remained through the first thirteen years of his life and in 1862 accompanied his parents to Le Claire, Iowa, where he resided until 1880. In that year he removed to Tipton. In the meantime he had supplemented his common-school education by study in Cornell College at Mount Vernon, where he remained for two years. He afterward entered the drug business at Le Claire and conducted a store until 1879, when he sold out. Removing to Tipton the following year, he purchased the drug store of A. M. Kirk and has since remained in business at this point. He was alone until 1905, when he admitted Samuel T. Gordon to partnership under the firm name of Brotherlin & Gordon. As one of the leading merchants of the city, he is today also one of the best known and most honored. He has remained continuously at his present location on Fifth street, opposite the court-house square. He has a well appointed store, equipped with all the modern accessories known to the drug trade, and his knowledge of drugs, their medicinal properties and use, makes his services in this connection of value to his fellow townsmen. The fact that he has continued in business here for thirty years is an indication of the fact that success has always attended his efforts.

In 1895 Mr. Brotherlin was united in marriage to Miss Ella Rider, a native of Cedar county, Iowa, and a daughter of Christian E. and Rachel (McDonald)

Rider, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, whence they came to Cedar county, Iowa, and spent their last days. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Brotherlin has been born a son, Robert, now twelve years of age.

Fraternally Mr. Brotherlin is connected with the Masons, holding membership in Royal Arch chapter. His military career covers service as lieutenant in Company B, which was a part of the First Regiment of National Guards organized here. In politics he has been a life-long republican and served for two terms as postmaster of Tipton, being appointed by President McKinley in 1897 and reappointed by President Roosevelt in 1901, his incumbency covering nearly nine years. He was always an active worker in the ranks of the party up to the time he entered the office. His official duties were discharged with promptness and fidelity, winning him high encomiums from all concerned. His business record is equally creditable and Tipton regards the Brotherlin establishment as an indispensable factor in her trade relations and Mr. Brotherlin as a valuable addition to her commercial circles.

JACOB ESCHER.

Jacob Escher, a well known resident of Tipton, claims Germany as the land of his birth, for he was born in Wurtemberg, August 9, 1832. He is a son of George and Rosena (Stout) Escher, but lost his father when only nine years old and his mother when fourteen. He was the third in order of birth in a family of six children, the others being Christian, George, Johannes, Mark and Rosena, but he was the only one of the number to come to the United States. He was practically reared and educated in his native land and there served four years' apprenticeship to the building stone-cutter's trade.

Resolved to seek his fortune in the new world, he crossed the broad Atlantic in a sailing vessel, which was forty-seven days in making the passage from Havre to New York. Out of the four hundred passengers that went on board fifty-seven died of cholera before they reached this country and the remainder were nearly starved as the rations were so poor. At length, however, Mr. Escher landed in safety, reaching Philadelphia on the 17th of November, 1852. He resided there for some time, working at his trade, but in April, 1858, became a resident of Cedar county, Iowa, where for two years he continued to follow the same occupation, being the principal stone-cutter on the erection of the courthouse at Tipton. In 1865 he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in Red Oak township and was then engaged in agricultural pursuits until his return to Tipton in 1891. Ten years ago he disposed of that farm to his son but still owned a half section of land when he left the farm. He now has a quarter section in Plymouth county, Iowa, but is living retired at present, enjoying the fruits of former toil.

On the 1st of January, 1856, Mr. Escher married Mrs. Fredericka (Grabb) Sheefer, the widow of John Sheefer, by whom she had a daughter, Rosa S., who took the name of our subject. She is now the wife of H. L. Grubb, of Kingsley, Iowa. The children born to our subject and his wife are: Louisa, the wife of

Lon Fraseur, living near Tipton; Julia, the widow of John E. Burkett, of Watsonville, California; George H., whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; Sarah, the wife of W. F. Wirick, also represented on another page of this volume; and Emma, the wife of Francis F. Patterson, of San Jose, California. The wife and mother, who was born September 27, 1830, passed away on the 23d of March, 1900. For over half a century Mr. Escher has been a faithful member of the Lutheran church and for thirty years served as one of its elders. His life has ever been upright and honorable, and he well deserves the high esteem in which he is universally held.

THOMAS E. MATHEWS.

The life of Thomas E. Mathews covered the intervening years from 1814 to 1900 and when eighty-six years of age he was called to his final rest. The history of the pioneer settlement of Cedar county would be incomplete without the record of this gentleman, who from an early day was a prominent factor in its substantial growth and upbuilding. When the state of Iowa was cut off from the advantages and comforts of the east, no railroads having as yet entered this district, Mr. Mathews made his way to Cedar county, braving all the trials and hardships of pioneer life in order to make a home in a country rich in its resources but as yet undeveloped. This district presented a wild appearance upon the arrival of Mr. Mathews in 1838, then a young man of twenty-four years, for his birth occurred in Greenbrier county, West Virginia, October 11, 1814. He entered from the government one hundred and sixty acres on section 29, Rochester township, to which he added as time passed until his possessions in that township embraced three hundred and sixty acres, while in Center township he owned one hundred and three acres. His entire life was devoted to general agricultural pursuits and while advancing his own interests he played an important part in the development of Cedar county. He was left an orphan when but a youth and came to Cedar county in company with his brother William, who was likewise identified with the progress and improvement that was here carried on.

Mr. Mathews sought a companion and helpmate for the journey of life through his marriage on the 10th of October, 1848, to Miss Nancy Hill, who was likewise a native of Greenbrier county, West Virginia, born on the 24th of October, 1827. She came to this county in 1847 with her widowed mother, Mrs. Jennie Hill, and a year later gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Mathews. Together they started on the journey of life, not rich in this world's goods, but with stout hearts and courageous spirits. Like all other pioneers they had to make many sacrifices in the establishment of a home on the frontier but as time passed their labors were rewarded in the acquirement of a good farm property.

As the years passed twelve children were added to the household but only four are now living. The record is as follows: Lizzie, the wife of John Ford, a resident of Winterset, Iowa; Augusta, who owns one hundred and seventy acres of the old homestead, on which she resides; Thomas, who follows farming in Center township; Isaac, a farmer residing near West Liberty, Iowa; Josephine,

who became the wife of Charles Rickhoff but is now deceased; Emma, who died when twenty-eight years of age; Charles, who died at the age of nineteen; Hattie, who was fifteen years old at the time of her demise; Mason and George, who were ten and nine years respectively when called to the home beyond; Lena, who died in her third year; and Viola, who died in infancy.

Mr. Mathews became identified with the Methodist Protestant church in 1845, in the faith of which he died on the 11th of December, 1900. His wife, who united with the same church in 1870, survived his death for but a brief period, being called to the home beyond on the 1st of June, 1902, when seventy-six years of age. Although they have passed from this life their memory is yet cherished in the hearts of all who knew them, while to their children they have left the legacy of an untarnished record which will live for years to come.

GILMAN A. BASS.

Gilman A. Bass, who died in Inland township on the 10th of March, 1904, was long successfully engaged in the real-estate and loan business here but spent the last seven years of his life in honorable retirement. His birth occurred in Orange county, Vermont, on the 9th of August, 1826, his parents being Alpheus and Sarah (Copeland) Bass, who were farming people of that county. He supplemented his preliminary education by a course of study in the Middlebury Seminary of Vermont and subsequently followed the profession of school teaching in the Green Mountain state. In 1857 he removed to Big Rock, Iowa, where he also taught school, and in the spring of 1858 went to Davenport, there devoting his attention to the study of law. He next came to Tipton and there made his home for nearly five years with the exception of eight months spent as a soldier in the Union army. He enlisted for service in October, 1864, and was honorably discharged in June, 1865, having accompanied Sherman on his march to the sea. In 1866 he took up his abode in Inland township, where he embarked in the real-estate and loan business, carrying on an extensive and successful enterprise of that character until the time of his retirement in 1897. The last few years of his life were spent in the home of his daughter, Abbie.

On the 10th of September, 1861, Mr. Bass was joined in wedlock to Miss Martha Marsh, a daughter of Daniel and Aurelia (Gould) Marsh, who came to this county from Ohio in 1854. Their children were three in number, two of whom died in infancy. The surviving daughter is Abbie L.

Mr. Bass was a republican in politics, ever being a stanch supporter of the party which was the defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war. His business record was always such as won for him respect and regard as well as success, and all who knew him entertained for him warm esteem, for his salient qualities were those of honorable, upright manhood. He was called to his final rest when in the seventy-eighth year of his age and in his passing Cedar county lost one of its widely known and representative citizens.

Miss Abbie L. Bass gave her hand in marriage to Marion M. Blazer, a son of George W. and Catherine (Scarlet) Blazer, who came to this county from

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Ohio in the '60s. Marion M. Blazer obtained his early education in the district schools here and afterward pursued the fine arts course in the Valparaiso Normal School. He taught school during one winter term and then turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, being engaged in farming for six years. On the expiration of that period he became identified with the real-estate and loan business, continuing in that field of activity until his demise, which occurred on the 2d of January, 1907. Unto him and his wife were born four children, namely: Edith M.; Silas G.; Inez M.; and Ira F., who died in infancy. Mr. Blazer gave his political allegiance to the republican party, believing firmly in its principles. His widow still survives and makes her home in Bennett, where she has an extensive circle of warm friends.

WILLIAM PENNINGROTH.

One of the best known and progressive agriculturists of Red Oak township is William Penningroth, the proprietor of the Grand View Stock Farm. His entire life has been passed in Cedar county, for he was born in Springfield township, December 1, 1860, and is a son of Charles and Lezetta (Hempke) Penningroth. His parents were natives of Westphalia, Germany, where they were reared and married, and on their emigration to America landed at New Orleans, whence they proceeded up the Mississippi river to Illinois, first locating near Red Bud, that state, where they spent eleven years. It was in 1856 that they took up their abode in Cedar county, Iowa, and here they spent the remainder of their lives, the father devoting his attention to farming. Being industrious, energetic and economical, he prospered in business affairs and became the owner of three well improved farms near Lowden, each comprising a quarter section of land, and besides this property he had ten acres of timber land on the Wapsie river. His useful and well spent life was ended in 1890, when he was seventy-two years of age, having survived his wife for some years, as she died in 1876, at the age of fifty-six years. Their children were: Louise, the wife of Philip Schneider, of Massillon township; Fred; Charles, who died in 1908; Henry, a resident of O'Brien county, Iowa; William, of this review; and Annie, the wife of Henry Meyer, of O'Brien county, Iowa.

During his boyhood and youth William Penningroth assisted his father in the work of the farm and while thus engaged acquired an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits, which has well fitted him for the practical duties of life, as he chose farming for the occupation to which he wished to devote his time and attention. He started out for himself in 1884 upon his present farm, buying one hundred and sixty acres of it at that time and later one hundred and sixty acres more, so that he now has a valuable farm of three hundred and twenty acres on section 12, Red Oak township. To this he has given the name of the Grand View Stock Farm, as he was an extensive breeder of shorthorn cattle for nine years. In 1909, however, he retired from that business, but is still feeding a large amount of stock annually, having about eighty-five head of cattle upon his place and one hundred hogs. Upon his home farm he erected a fine eleven-

room residence in 1906 and has built all of the other necessary structures for the shelter of grain and stock. In fact, his is one of the best improved places of the locality. Besides this farm he owns one hundred and sixty acres in Mitchell county, Iowa, which he purchased in 1909.

On the 22d of February, 1884, Mr. Penningroth was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Mensendick, a daughter of Gottlieb and Louise Mensendick, both natives of Germany. She, however, was born in Hancock county, Illinois, April 13, 1868, and continued to reside there until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Penningroth now have a family of nine children, namely: Charles, who was a student in the Iowa City State University until he enlisted in the regular army, being now third lieutenant of his company, stationed in the Philippine Islands; Martha, who pursued a course at the State Normal in Cedar Falls and is now at home with her parents; Louis, a graduate of the Tipton high school and now a student at the State University, being president of the freshman class; Walter S. and Edward M., both attending the high school of Tipton; and Benjamin, Bertha, Paul and Harold, all at home. Walter is making the four years' course in the high school in three years, as did also Louis.

Mr. Penningroth is a stanch supporter of the republican party and has taken quite an active and influential part in local affairs, serving as treasurer of the township school board and as road commissioner. The success that he has achieved in life is due entirely to his own unaided efforts, because he had but few opportunities in his youth and by perseverance and industry has worked his way upward until he is now one of the well-to-do and substantial citizens of his community. He has not only prospered but has also gained the good will and confidence of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

HARRY R. McNAMARA.

Tipton has been signally favored in the class of men who have occupied her public offices, for they have usually been citizens of known loyalty to the public welfare, putting forth earnest and effective effort for the best good. In keeping with this record is the service of Harry R. McNamara in the position of postmaster. He has carefully systematized the affairs of the office and his promptness and fidelity in the execution of every duty have made his a creditable record in this connection.

He is one of the native sons of Tipton, born June 11, 1868, and has always made his home here. His parents were William P. and Anna M. (Reigart) McNamara, the former a native of Pennsylvania, where he was reared. He came to Iowa about 1857 and was engaged in the drug business in Tipton, sustaining a severe loss in the great fire of 1869. He was married in 1859 to Anna M. Reigart, who is now living with her son Harry. Mr. McNamara passed away in 1890, at the age of fifty-nine years, his birth having occurred in Franks-town, Pennsylvania, November 30, 1829. In their family were five children: Mertie, the wife of J. W. Dean, of Tipton; Mamie, the wife of C. O. Boling, of

Tipton; Harry R., of this review; Sue, who is living in Des Moines; and William S., of Colorado.

Harry R. McNamara, spending his youthful days in his parents' home, entered the public schools at the usual age and therein continued his studies until he had completed the work of the junior year in the high school. He was then obliged to put aside his text-books and began clerking in a grocery store. He has been connected with the postoffice altogether for about twenty years, first accepting a clerical position over a quarter of a century ago. He remained in the office for eight years, after which he spent the succeeding five years in various pursuits, being a part of that time paymaster at Tipton. He then returned to the postoffice as assistant postmaster to H. L. Brotherlin, and on the 10th of January, 1906, was appointed postmaster, in which position he is now capably and efficiently serving. He has been a lifelong republican and his interest in the party and his efforts in its behalf well deserve recognition.

FRANCIS WALKER.

Francis Walker, whose demise occurred at Bennett on the 13th of August, 1900, spent the last decade of his life in honorable retirement, enjoying the competence which he had won through the careful conduct of his agricultural interests in former years. He was born in the state of New York on the 4th of December, 1819. His father, Rosswell Walker, who followed farming in the Empire state throughout his active business career, passed away in Pennsylvania when ninety-six years of age. The mother died in New York when our subject was still a young boy.

At the usual age Francis Walker began his education in the district schools of his native state and after putting aside his text-books secured employment as a farm hand. Subsequently he purchased fifty acres of land in Chautauqua county, New York, devoting his attention to its cultivation until 1856, when he came direct to Cedar county, Iowa. Here he first rented land for a period of eight years and then bought a tract of eighty acres. Later he purchased a quarter section of land adjoining, so that his farm embraced two hundred and forty acres. The further cultivation and improvement of that property claimed his time and energies until 1890, when he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Bennett, there spending the remainder of his life in honorable retirement.

In 1851, in the state of New York, Mr. Walker was united in marriage to Miss Selina Yaw, whose birth occurred on the 4th of March, 1833, her parents being John and Betsy (Stark) Yaw. Their home was blessed with six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Edwin, who is now deceased; Amanda; Rufus; Horace; Eva; and Ernest.

Mr. Walker supported the republican party until within a few years of his death, when a change in his political views caused him to become an advocate of the democracy. Though always a most public-spirited and loyal citizen, he never sought nor desired office. He had gained an extensive circle of

warm friends during the long period of his residence here and his death was therefore the occasion of deep and widespread regret. His widow still survives and yet makes her home in Bennett. She is a Methodist in religious faith and exemplifies the teachings of that church in her daily life. Though now in the seventy-eighth year of her age, her faculties are largely unimpaired and she is still very bright and active. The period of her residence in Cedar county covers fifty-four years and she enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance within its borders.

CHARLES LAUBSCHER.

A life of well directed effort, of industry and perseverance, crowned with success that now enables him to live retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest, is the record of Charles Laubscher, who was born near Buchanan, Cass township, Cedar county, on the 26th of February, 1852. His parents, John and Philipine (Stork) Laubscher, both natives of Bavaria, Germany, came to the United States about the year 1831. They were married in Ohio and there made their home for thirteen years, at the expiration of which period they came to Iowa, taking up their abode in Cedar county where Buchanan now stands and where their remaining days were spent. The father was a farmer by occupation, following that pursuit until his death, which occurred in Cedar county. His wife also passed away in this county. In their family were six children, of whom the subject of this review was the fifth in order of birth. The others were: John, deceased, who left a widow and one child; Susan, the wife of David Diltz, a resident of Parkman, Wyoming; A. C., of Tipton, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Anna H., who died in February, 1910; and Ella A., who became the wife of John Burroughs, of Cedar Rapids.

In the schools of Cedar county Charles Laubscher acquired his education, and in his parents' home spent the period of his boyhood and youth. Reared to farm life, he early became familiar with all the tasks that fall to the lot of the country lad, and in the fields under the direction of his father he learned many practical lessons which prepared him for those duties which devolved upon him when, later, he took up farming on his own account. On attaining his majority he began his independent business career as a farmer and for many years was actively identified with agricultural pursuits, becoming the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 1 and 2, Cass township, and also one hundred and eighteen acres of pasture land on section 7. Energetic, industrious and progressive, he successfully carried on his farming interests until the competency which he acquired enabled him to retire from active labor, when he left the farm and removed to Buchanan, where he is now living, enjoying the comforts of well earned rest without further recourse to labor. He has given the management of his farm property over to his sons but still retains his position as administrator of an estate of eighty-seven acres, to which office he was appointed some years ago. He is the owner of the attractive and comfortable residence in which he now makes his home in Buchanan and also owns several lots

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in the town, his real-estate holdings being the visible expression of his thrift, industry and business foresight.

It was on the 7th of November, 1878, that Mr. Laubscher was united in marriage to Miss Forrestine Dodds, who was born in Athens county, Ohio, July 5, 1857, and came to Cedar county with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Dodds, who now reside in Tipton and who are mentioned at length on another page of this volume. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Laubscher are two sons, Frank R. and John P., who are now operating the home farm. The latter married Miss Pearl Edwards and they have two daughters, Eloise and Marjorie.

In politics Mr. Laubscher gives stalwart support to the democratic party, and his fellow citizens, recognizing his ability and worth, have at different times called him to public office. He was elected to the office of township trustee, served on the grand jury and also acted as school director, the cause of education finding in him a stanch champion. He retains a deep interest in the political questions and current events of the day and, being pre-eminently public-spirited in his citizenship, lends his influence at all times to those measures which have for their object the substantial improvement and permanent upbuilding of the community. Having passed his entire life in the vicinity of Buchanan he is well known throughout that locality, where his sterling traits of character have won him a circle of friends which is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances. He and his wife attend the Union church at Buchanan.

EDMUND ELIJAH.

Edmund Elijah is now practically living retired in Clarence. Cedar county embraces some of the finest farm land in this state and Mr. Elijah is fortunate in possessing a goodly share of this valuable property, for in addition to the old homestead in Dayton township he owns other well improved farms. Since 1863 he has lived in this locality, arriving here when a youth of fourteen years.

His birth occurred in Delaware county, New York, April 19, 1849. His father, Edmund Elijah, Sr., was reared and married in Delaware county, the lady of his choice being Miss Jane Samuels, who was also born and reared in New York. He was a wheelwright by trade and operated a gristmill, while his sons carried on the home farm. He always continued a resident of the Empire state, dying there in 1856. His widow survived him and removed to Illinois in 1857 with her family and to Iowa in the spring of 1863. Here she continued to reside throughout her remaining days, passing away in May, 1907.

Edmund Elijah, Jr., spent the entire period of his minority in his mother's home, remaining with her until twenty-one years of age. He then purchased a farm, upon which a house had been built, and for three seasons thereafter he boarded with his tenants. At length he made arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage in Cedar county, on the 1st of March, 1874, to Miss Mary Kent, a native of this county, born near Clarence. Her father was ex-Senator J. M. Kent, one of the early settlers who arrived in 1852 and afterward became well known as a prosperous farmer and representative citizen. He

served for two terms in the state senate and was active in support of much valuable legislation. He was married in Ohio to Miss Mary Ferguson, a native of Ohio, and his death occurred in 1896, while his wife passed away in 1888.

Mr. and Mrs. Elijah began their domestic life on a farm in Massillon township and the following year removed to Dayton township, where he devoted his energies to the cultivation of his fields, commencing with one hundred and twenty acres of land. Later he purchased two hundred acres and afterward added another tract of forty acres and for twenty-nine years carried on farming on that place, during which period he erected good buildings. He then rented the place and bought fifteen acres where he now resides, within the corporate limits of Clarence, and eighty acres outside the village limits. On this property he erected a large neat residence. In 1900 he purchased one hundred and twenty acres in Dayton township, so that altogether he now owns four hundred and fifty-five acres of farm land and ten acres of timber land in Cedar county. He has improved three different farms and his is a notable record of a self-made man, for he started out in life empty-handed. His labor and industry have constituted the basis of his success, and his wife has always proved to him an able assistant through her careful and economical management of household affairs.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Elijah have been born six children who are yet living: Arthur, who is married and now resides in Montana; Earl, a graduate of Cornell College of Iowa of the class of 1909 and now professor of science in Madelia, Minnesota; Mae, a graduate of the Clarence high school; Nellie and Ella, at home; and Anna, a student in the Cornell Conservatory and also well known as a teacher of music. They also lost a son, Allen, who died August 22, 1903, after attaining his majority.

Mr. Elijah was formerly a republican in his political views but for a long period has voted the prohibition ticket, being a stanch advocate of the cause of temperance. He is a member of the Wesleyan Methodist church, to which his wife also belongs, and their conformity to its teachings has commended them to the confidence and high respect of all with whom they have come in contact. Mr. Elijah has taken an active part in the development and upbuilding of the county, for during the forty-seven years of his residence here he has helped to improve four different farms, his labors being not only a source of individual profit but also of general prosperity.

WILLIAM W. LITTLE.

Through the steps of orderly progression William W. Little has made continuous advancement in the business world until he now occupies the honorable and honored position of president of the Farmers & Merchants Savings Bank of Tipton. Widely known in this locality, his history cannot fail to prove of interest to many readers of this volume and, moreover, it indicates clearly what may be accomplished when determination, adaptability and unfaltering industry are the strong characteristics of the individual.

Mr. Little was born upon a farm in the vicinity of Princeton, Bureau county, Illinois, January 27, 1865, and was but four years of age when, in the spring of 1869, he was brought to Cedar county by his parents, Frank F. and Katherine (Creps) Little, who were natives of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, where they were reared and married. Soon after their marriage they removed to Illinois and in 1869 came to Cedar county, where for a long period Mr. Little was identified with general farming but has retired from active life and both he and his wife are living in Tipton. He has ever manifested a helpful support in relation to public affairs and has borne his part in the work of general improvement and advancement. He has ever been a wide reader, keeping thoroughly informed on the leading questions and issues of the day, and is recognized in this county as a high type of American manhood and chivalry. Unto him and his wife were born seven children: Laura, the wife of J. W. Gray, of West Branch, Iowa; Edward E., of Tipton; Mrs. Anna Boone; William W.; Elmer, living in Clarkston, Washington; Charles A., of Red Oak township; and Mrs. Bertha Pearson, whose home is in the vicinity of West Branch in Springdale township.

There were no railroads in this part of the country when the Little family arrived, completing the journey by hack. The father secured a tract of land in Red Oak township and upon the old homestead farm William W. Little was reared, there remaining until he had attained his majority. He acquired his early education in the country schools and afterward attended the Tipton high school. He has resided in Tipton continuously since 1890 and, entering mercantile circles, was first engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, which he conducted under his own name until 1896. He then sold out and was elected deputy clerk of the district court, in which capacity he served for six years. He was next elected clerk of the district court and filled the position for two terms or for four years. On the expiration of that period he purchased the Northwestern elevator and engaged in the grain and seed business, in which connection he has built up an extensive trade that he yet enjoys. He now owns the elevator and in July, 1909, purchased a feed mill, which he operates in connection with his grain trade. About that time he admitted A. Duncan to a partnership in the business and he has had the active management of the elevator and feed mill, which are conducted under the firm style of Little & Duncan. They buy and ship grain and all kinds of field seeds, and the business is now one of large proportions, their annual sales netting for them a very substantial income. Mr. Little was also one of the original stockholders and directors of the Farmers & Merchants Savings Bank of Tipton, which was organized in 1905. In January, 1909, he was made president of the bank, which position he yet fills. The greater part of his time and attention are given to its management and a general banking business is conducted along safe and conservative lines, while progress also constitutes a feature in the management of the undertaking.

On the 4th of March, 1891, Mr. Little was married to Miss Louise Williams, who was born in Red Oak township, June 21, 1865, and is a daughter of Elias and Jane (Sleater) Little, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Ireland. They became early settlers of Red Oak township but both are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Little have had one child, Cecil Edward, who was born January 9, 1892, and died March 23, 1907.

In his political views Mr. Little has been a lifelong republican, taking an active part in public affairs and serving as chairman of the county central committee for several years. He is now filling a position on the board of education for the sixth consecutive year and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart and effective champion. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and is chairman of its board of trustees. He likewise belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, his membership being in Manitou Lodge, No. 8, of Tipton, of which he is a past grand. He may well be called a self-made man for his parents were in limited financial circumstances when they came here and he received no financial assistance when he started out in life for himself. He has held to high ideals, however, has worked persistently to accomplish the task to which he has set himself and is recognized as an energetic, industrious and persevering business man who has won a creditable position in commercial and financial circles of Cedar county.

JOHN BANNICK.

Of the men who have played an important part in the development of Cedar county none have contributed a greater share of their time and labor to its advancement than John Bannick, now living a retired life in Bennett. For forty years he has been a resident of the county and has aided in the agricultural development as well as the financial and business portion. He is also well worthy of the esteem accorded him as one of the progressive men of the county.

Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, was the place where John Bannick first saw the light of day, the date of his birth being April 10, 1851. He is a son of Claus and Ida (Schroeder) Bannick, of Germany, both now deceased, each having passed away at the advanced age of eighty-four years. The father was a farmer of Schleswig-Holstein. John Bannick was one of a family of ten children, four sons and six daughters, of whom three of the latter are now deceased. But three of the children came to this country, namely: George, now living retired at Wilton, Iowa; Mathias, living in Clark county, South Dakota; and John, the immediate subject of this review. All the other children of the Bannick family make their home in Germany.

John Bannick worked upon his father's farm until he had attained the age of nineteen years. He received a fair education in the schools of his native country, and was strong and in rugged health. He determined to seek his fortune in the great country across the ocean, so came to the United States, arriving in Davenport, Iowa, in the year 1870. For about a year he worked upon farms in Scott county, then came to Cedar county, where for three years he worked on a farm, after which he rented a place and began farming for himself. He was married at this time, and for nine years he farmed upon rented land. Success attending his efforts, he then bought eighty acres in Cedar county and made that his home. He worked steadily, handled his crops and stock well, and made a decided success of his venture, so much so that he eventually became the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of the very best farming land of the

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county, all located in Inland township. For many years he lived upon this place, rearing his family and improving the farm, but some few years ago his other interests demanding a considerable portion of his attention, he placed the farm in charge of his son and took up his residence upon his property in Bennett, where he still attends to the various details of his business.

An event of decided importance in the life of our subject occurred September 9, 1873, when he was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Vogt, a resident of this county and native of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. She was born March 19, 1851, her parents being Claus and Catherine Vogt, both of whom are now deceased. This union was blessed with two children: George C. is living upon the home place which he cultivates under the direction of his father. He married Miss Amanda Rose and they are the parents of five children. Claus, the younger child, died aged six weeks.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bannick are members of the Lutheran church, taking an active interest in all church work. Not alone has Mr. Bannick been successful as a tiller of the soil, but in other departures has he made a success. He was one of the organizers of the Savings Bank of Bennett and is today a stockholder and one of the board of directors, also serving in the capacity of vice president of the institution. In his political views he takes the doctrines of the democracy for his guidance and is one of the active public men of the town. For a period of six years he served as county supervisor, while for four years he was the justice of the peace of the township. In the conduct of the school system of the township Mr. Bannick has been most active for seventeen years. As chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias lodge of Bennett, he occupies a position which at once establishes his relations with fraternal organizations, and his entire life has been lived with such brotherly attitude toward his fellowmen as to exemplify the teachings of that order. Public-spirited, and of sagacious business acumen, tempered with charity toward the unfortunate, he has gained the respect and esteem of a wide circle of acquaintances.

AUGUST H. HANSEN.

A farm of one hundred and twenty acres pays tribute to the care and labor of August H. Hansen and, moreover, is the visible evidence of his life of well directed energy and thrift, for he started out on his own account empty-handed and met the situation of providing for his support entirely through his own efforts. His place is situated on section 16, Dayton township, and there he annually gathers good harvests which shows that his farm is well tilled.

A native of Germany, Mr. Hansen was born in Holstein on the 23d of December, 1873. His father, Claus Hansen, and his mother, Margaret (Miller) Hansen, also natives of that country, came to the new world in 1881 with Cedar county, Iowa, as their destination. They were induced to make the trip by the fact that a brother of Mr. Hansen was living here and gave good reports concerning the opportunities offered in this land. Claus Hansen worked as a farm hand by the month until he believed it possible to profitably carry on farm work

on his own account and then rented land. He was continuously identified with general agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred about 1895, while his wife passed away in 1892. Their family numbered two sons and four daughters: Chris, a resident farmer of Massillon township; Augusta, the wife of John Gills, of Lowden; Emma, the wife of Henry Peters, whose home is in this county; Alvina, the wife of William Beckmann, also following farming in this county; and Sophia, who married Charlie Krinbring.

The other member of the family is August H. Hansen, whose name introduces this review and who came to Iowa with his father when a lad of seven years. His youthful days were spent upon the home farm and the public schools afforded him his opportunity to master the common branches of learning. Yet he is largely self-educated, owing to the necessity that devolved upon him to earn his living at an early age. He worked by the month for several years and, ambitious to earn advancement, utilized every opportunity that promoted his interests.

On the 11th of October, 1900, Mr. Hansen was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Engelking, who was born in Germany and spent her girlhood days there. Their marriage has been blessed with four children: Henry J., Carl, Margaret and Elwood.

After their marriage Mr. Hansen rented a farm, upon which he lived for six years, and during that time carefully saved his earnings so that in 1906 he was able to purchase the property upon which he now resides, comprising one hundred and twenty acres of good land on section 16, Dayton township. He has further improved the property, which in its attractive appearance indicated his careful supervision and progressive methods. The interests of modern farm life are well represented in his place. He practices the rotation of crops and utilizes the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields.

While his life has been a busy one in his efforts to win success, at the same time he has cooperated in movements for the public good and his interest in the moral development of the community is shown in the fact that he is a member of the German Evangelical church of Clarence, to which his wife also belongs. Politically, however, he is independent. Throughout Dayton township, where he is well known, he is familiarly called "Gus" Hansen and those who know him recognize the fact that in his life are exemplified many sterling traits of character, not the least of which are industry, perseverance and honorable dealing.

HENRY RUSER.

Henry Ruser, who has lived retired in Bennett for the past two years, was long identified with the agricultural interests of Cedar county and still owns an excellent farm of three hundred and thirty-six acres. His birth occurred in Germany on the 18th of January, 1849, his parents being Peter and Lena (Loepenteen) Ruser, who were likewise natives of that country. They afterward took up their abode in Sweden, where the father followed farming as a means of live-

lihood. His demise there occurred about 1895, while his wife was called to her final rest about 1901.

When a youth of eighteen Henry Ruser determined to establish his home in the new world and accordingly crossed the Atlantic to the United States, locating in Scott county, Iowa, in 1867. Securing employment as a farm hand by the month, he thus worked for five years and then devoted his attention to the cultivation of rented land for a similar period. Subsequently he came to Cedar county and here also rented a tract of land for three years. On the expiration of that period he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Inland township, in the operation of which he was busily engaged until 1896, when he disposed of the property and bought another tract of three hundred and thirty-six acres. To the further cultivation and improvement of that farm he devoted his attention until 1908, since which time he has leased the property and has lived in honorable retirement at Bennett.

On the 7th of November, 1874, Mr. Ruser was united in marriage to Miss Emma Stoltenberg, a daughter of John and Anna (Wiese) Stoltenberg, who were early settlers of Scott county and are both now deceased. Our subject and his wife are the parents of six daughters and four sons, as follows: Peter, Lena, Annie, Emma, Laura, John, Minnie, Bertha, Henry and William.

Where national questions and issues are involved Mr. Ruser supports the democratic party but at local elections casts an independent ballot. He has served as school director for a number of years, has also acted as road supervisor and is now holding the office of town councilman. For a period of nine years, or until 1901, he ably discharged the duties devolving upon him in the capacity of township trustee. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church. He has never regretted his determination to come to America, for here he has found the opportunities which he sought and in their wise utilization has won a place among the substantial and respected citizens of his community.

LEWIS HART.

Lewis Hart, who is now living retired in Stanwood, has made his home in Iowa for more than a half century and successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits in Cedar county for many years, owning a well improved farm of two hundred and forty acres in Fremont township. In addition to his home property he also had a tract of eighty acres in Jones county. The year 1856 witnessed his arrival in Iowa, at which time he went through to Fort Dodge and took up a claim at Spirit Lake. He afterward sold the claim and in March, 1864, located in Fremont township, Cedar county, purchasing eighty acres of land. Subsequently he bought an adjoining tract of forty acres, broke the land, erected a house and there carried on farming for three years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of the property and purchased another farm, which he likewise operated for about three years and then sold. He next bought a tract of eighty acres two and a half miles north of Stanwood, erected a substantial resi-

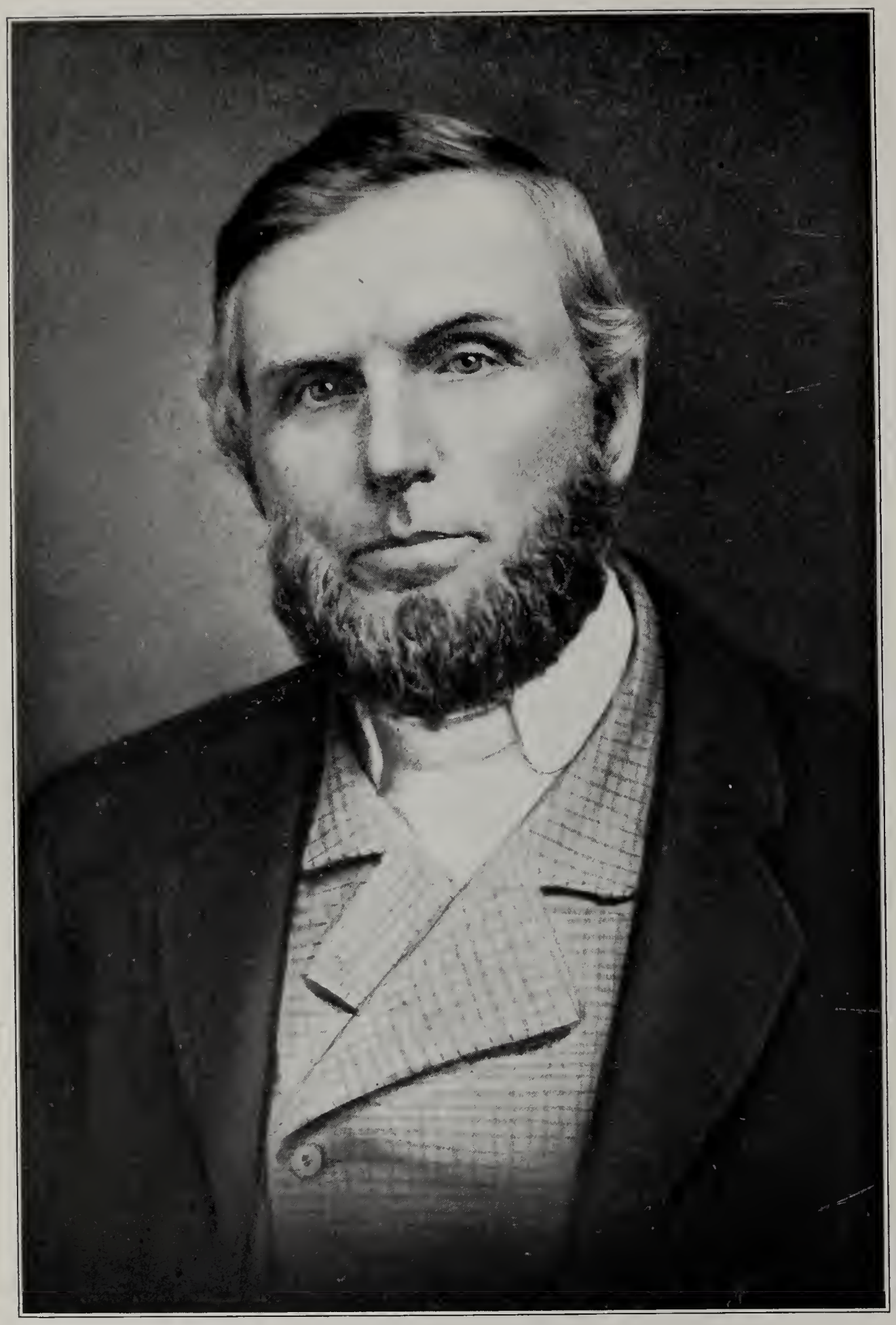
dence and commodious barn, fenced the fields and brought the land under a high state of cultivation and improvement. As his financial resources increased he extended the boundaries of that farm by additional purchase from time to time, operating the place altogether for forty years. In addition to the cultivation of cereals he also raised and fed stock, making a specialty of cattle and hogs. Since putting aside the active work of the fields he has made his home in Stanwood, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease. He owned three good residences in that town, having purchased one and erected two, which he has sold.

In 1858, at Ottawa, La Salle county, Illinois, Mr. Hart was united in marriage to Miss Lucy A. Sexton, a native of Canada, by whom he had six children, namely: H. J., who owns and operates a portion of the old homestead farm; W. D., who owns a farm and follows merchandising in Stanwood; W. L., a twin brother of W. D., who likewise owns a portion of the home place; Martha E., who passed away in 1902, leaving two daughters; and two who died in early childhood. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in June, 1906, and in November, 1908, at Stanwood, Mr. Hart was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Lyda Bouton, who was born in New York and reared in Iowa. Her father, Lewis Kiniston, was one of the early settlers of Jones county, Iowa. Her daughter, Viola, is now the wife of Jay Miller of Cedar county.

Mr. Hart is a republican in politics and has served in the capacity of township trustee for three years. He was identified with the school board for eighteen years and acted as its president for a time, doing much to advance the cause of education. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Reformed church, while his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church of Stanwood. The period of his residence in this state covers fifty-four years and his memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. He has not only been an interested witness of the wonderful transformation that has here occurred but has taken an active and helpful part in the work of progress and improvement, lending his aid and influence at all times to the support of such measures as he deems will advance the general welfare.

ALEXANDER YULE.

Scotland has furnished to the United States many of her most enterprising and substantial citizens and numbered among these now residing in Cedar county is Alexander Yule, whose home is on section 3, Red Oak township. He was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, September 30, 1822, and is a son of John and Ann (Calder) Yule, also natives of that country. There the father spent his entire life, dying in 1840, but the mother came to the United States about ten years after our subject located here and her death occurred at Virginia Grove, Iowa, January 9, 1861. The father was twice married and by the first union had seven children, while by the mother of our subject he had three sons and two daughters, namely: Samuel, James, Isabelle, Ann and Alexander, all now deceased with the exception of our subject.



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The schools of his native land afforded Alexander Yule his educational privileges and he remained in Scotland until 1845, when he crossed the ocean in company with his sister Isabelle and came direct to Cedar county, Iowa, where they joined a brother and a half-brother. They were six weeks in making the voyage from Glasgow to New York on a sailing vessel and were seven weeks in coming from New York to this county. They traveled by canal boat to Buffalo, by lake to Toledo, Ohio, by canal boat to Cincinnati and then down the Ohio river and up the Mississippi to Muscatine, Iowa. For a time Mr. Yule made his home with his brother Samuel, who had been in America for ten years, and he commenced work here as a common laborer at fifty cents per day, taking his pay in wheat or other produce, as there was little money in circulation here at that time. At the end of two years he commenced farming on his own account upon rented land and it was not until 1852 that he purchased his present farm, giving in exchange two horses valued at one hundred and sixty dollars for a land warrant of one hundred and sixty acres. He had previously purchased forty acres of timber land, upon which was a stone quarry, and he has successfully operated the same, taking out several thousand feet of stone from it. After purchasing his present farm he located thereon, building a house sixteen by twenty-six feet and a story and a half in height, but while breaking the land he operated a rented farm for some time. Success crowned his well directed efforts and at one time he owned five hundred and twenty acres, some of which he has disposed of to his children but still has three hundred and sixty acres in the home farm, which is today a well improved and highly cultivated property.

Mr. Yule was married in May, 1858, to Mrs. Letitia Martin, who was born in Coleraine, Ireland, February 2, 1830, and died in Red Oak township, this county, on the 17th of January, 1892. She was the youngest daughter of Samuel and Hattie Mars and was left an orphan at the age of eight years. Four years later she emigrated to the United States and first located in Philadelphia, whence she went to Thompsonville, Connecticut, at which place she became a member of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church. At the age of twenty-four years she gave her hand in marriage to John Martin and they later came to Iowa, locating in Jones county, where he died in 1855. By that union there was one daughter, now Mrs. Lizzie Dorcas, of Red Oak township. The children born to our subject and his wife are: Annie C.; James H.; John Alexander, who died at the age of four years; and Isabelle. The daughters both reside at home with the father. Isabelle is a graduate of the academic department of the university at Iowa City and also spent one year at the State Normal, after which she successfully engaged in teaching in Red Oak and Fremont townships for a number of years. James H. is now operating the home farm. He married Elizabeth Williams, who died in March, 1901, leaving a daughter, Clela Vee Elizabeth, who was born February 12, 1901, and died November 22, 1905. After coming to this county the wife of our subject united with the Red Oak Presbyterian church in 1865 and was ever afterward one of its most earnest and faithful members.

Mr. Yule keeps well informed on the political issues and questions of the day and never hesitates in giving his allegiance to the republican party, for he believes

its principles contain the best elements of good government, but he has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office. Since 1845 he has made his home in Red Oak township and is today its oldest male resident. He has been a member of the Presbyterian church since the age of eighteen years and has been connected with the Red Oak church since he came to this county. He never withholds his support from any enterprise which he believes will advance the moral or material welfare of the community in which he resides, and he is thus regarded as one of the leading and representative citizens of the county. On his arrival here his capital consisted of but fifty dollars in gold, and the property he has acquired is the evidence of his well directed and enterprising life.

CHARLES SWARTZLENDER.

No history of Tipton would be complete without extended mention of Charles Swartzlender, who, however, needs no introduction to the readers of this volume. He has spent his entire life here and he has no stancher friends than those who have known him from his boyhood, a fact that indicates that his record has at all times been one worthy of commendation and of respect.

He was born in Tipton, February 28, 1858. His parents were Reuben and Martha (Dale) Swartzlender, both of whom were natives of Union county, Pennsylvania, the former born August 22, 1821, and the latter on the 25th of June, 1831. In the year 1840 Reuben Swartzlender arrived in Cedar county. He lost his mother when very young, and, being one of a large family who must be provided for, he was bound out and thus served until eighteen years of age with a guardian, who removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio. From the latter state he made his way to Iowa and spent the remainder of his life in Cedar county. Several years passed before the state was admitted to the Union and the work of progress and development seemed scarcely begun here. He entered land from the government and with characteristic energy began its improvement. Later he bought and sold other lands, trading and speculating quite extensively in property. In 1855 he established his home in Tipton, where he engaged in merchandising for a number of years. In fact he was connected with the commercial interests here at different times, buying and selling stores. He was a natural trader and in all of his business affairs met with success, owing to his sound judgment and unfaltering enterprise. He was recognized as a man of marked business ability and energy, and that he enjoyed the unqualified confidence and trust of the general public is shown in the fact that he was frequently called upon to administer estates for others. Probably no other man in the county did such an extensive service of this character as Reuben Swartzlender, and no one ever suffered the loss of a dollar at his hands. Moreover, he was a public-spirited citizen and cooperated in many measures and movements for the general good.

For his first wife Reuben Swartzlender chose a Miss Carl, who died leaving no children. For his second wife he wedded Martha Dale, who removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio with her parents in her early girlhood and in 1838 came with her people to Iowa, remaining a resident of Cedar county until she was called

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to her final rest in 1865. She was a daughter of Frederick and Katherine (Kester) Dale, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania and spent their last days in Cedar county, Iowa, the father passing away in 1854, while the mother reached the advanced age of ninety-four years, her death occurring in 1884. On coming to the west they settled on a farm five miles south of Tipton and there resided until Mr. Dale passed away, when his widow took up her abode in the county seat. Their family numbered six children: Katherine, the widow of Joseph Knott; Mary, the wife of King Hardman, now deceased; John, who died of typhoid fever in 1854 about the same time as his father's death; Susan, who died in Tipton in 1904; Philip, who was married and at his death left a family; and Mrs. Swartzlender. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Swartzlender were eight children: Nettie, the wife of A. B. Maynard, of San Francisco; Mary, the widow of R. C. Whitson, of Santa Ana, California; Ella, the wife of C. E. Maynard, of San Francisco; Charles; Martha, the widow of J. H. Coutts, who was president of the City National Bank of Tipton, Iowa, at the time of his death; Walter, living in Wilton, Iowa; one who died in infancy; and Christiana, who died at the age of five years.

Charles Swartzlender has spent his entire life in Tipton and Cedar county, and at the usual age became a pupil in the public schools, passing through consecutive grades until he became a high school student. He afterward pursued a course in the Davenport Business College and, thus well qualified for life's practical and responsible duties, started out for himself. Subsequently he began farming and at the time of his marriage, in 1883, took up his abode upon a farm of one hundred and eighty-one acres, partially within the corporation limits of Tipton in the southeastern part of the town. He resided there until 1904 and energetically, capably and successfully carried on agricultural pursuits, bringing his land under a high state of cultivation and gathering rich crops as the reward of his persistent, earnest and intelligently directed effort. Soon after the organization of the City National Bank he became one of its directors and in January, 1906, was elected cashier, which position he has since filled. He has been active in the management and control of the bank and has proved a courteous, obliging and capable official whose personal popularity constitutes one of the attributes of success for the institution. He still retains the ownership of his farm and is treasurer of the Tipton Canning Factory, which he was active in organizing, becoming its first president. He has ever taken a helpful part in promoting agricultural interests in this part of the state and was president of the Tipton Fair Association, the predecessor of the Cedar County Association.

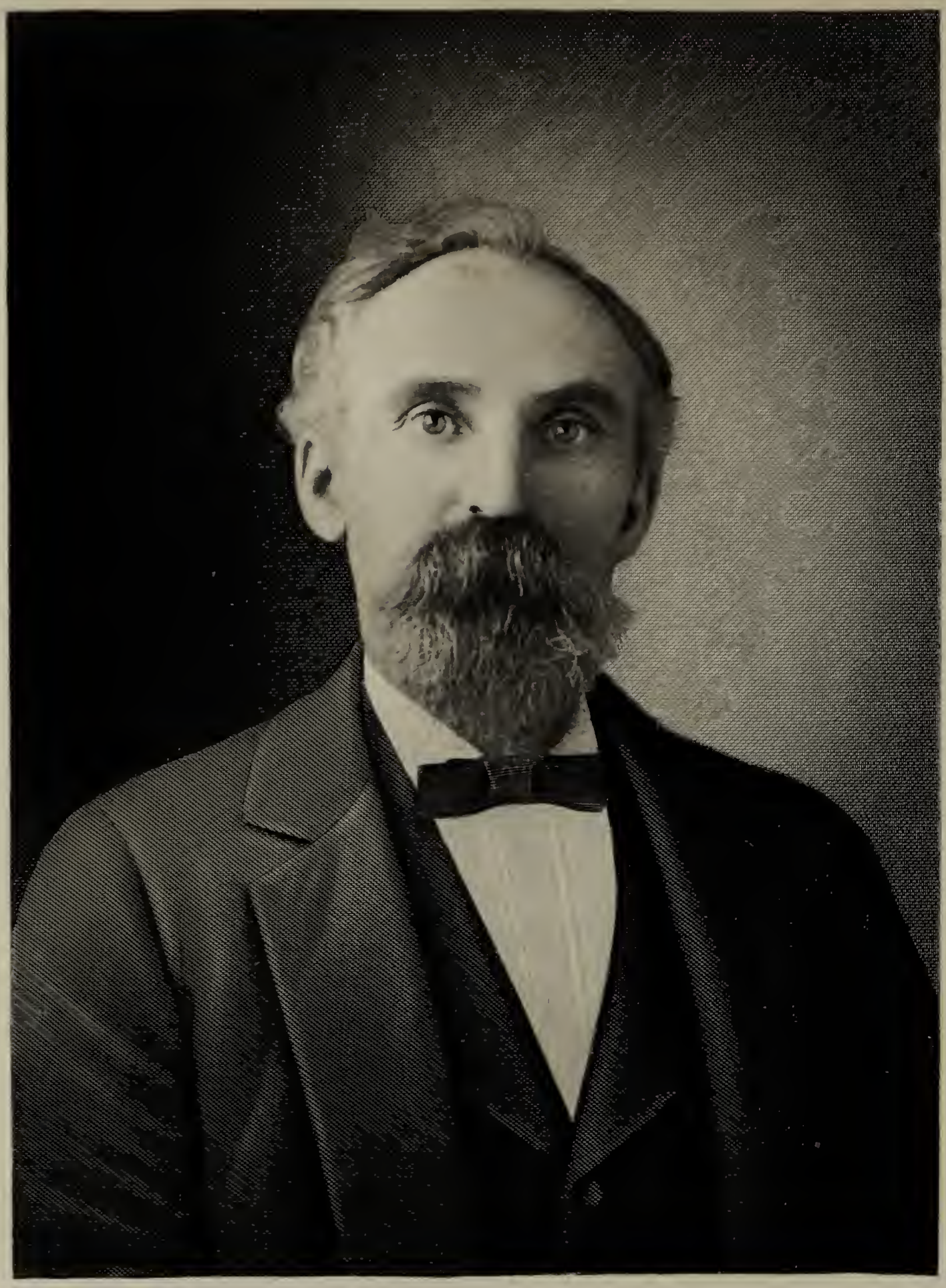
On the 1st of March, 1883, Mr. Swartzlender was united in marriage to Miss Temperance Richards, who was born in Linn township, Cedar county, April 11, 1863, and is a daughter of Frederick and Jane (Minto) Richards, natives of England, who, however, were married in this county. The father came here about 1840 and the mother arrived in 1846, making the journey in company with their respective parents. Mr. Richards died in 1870 but Mrs. Richards still survives and makes her home in Tipton with her children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Swartzlender have been born a son and two daughters: Jean, the wife of Dr. W. M. Furnish, who is engaged in the practice of osteopathy in Tipton; Dale, who is a student in the Colorado State University of Boulder; and Elizabeth.

In his political views Mr. Swartzlender is a democrat but, aside from exercising his right of franchise, takes no active part in political affairs. He was secretary of the Old Settlers' Society for several years and is numbered among the early residents of the county, having for more than a half century lived within its borders. He has therefore witnessed many changes as the work of progress and development has been carried on. His life record is as an open book which all may read. His attention has ever been given to his business interests and to the performance of those duties which each day brings. He has ever been found reliable and trustworthy as well as industrious in the management of his agricultural, commercial and financial affairs, and his many sterling characteristics have won him the unqualified regard and good will of his fellowmen.

CHARLES O. GRAY.

Charles O. Gray is now successfully engaged in the operation of a farm on section 26, Gower township, where he was born on the 16th of November, 1875, his parents being Francis Marion and Ella (Blanchard) Gray. His father was also a native of Cedar county, born in Iowa township on the 28th of February, 1846, and belonged to an old and prominent family that early became identified with the development of this region. His parents were Ebenezer A. and Eliza (Bolon) Gray, the former a native of Harrison county, Ohio, and the latter of Loudoun county, Virginia. At an early day Mrs. Gray accompanied her parents on their removal to Ohio and there she was married and continued to make her home until 1839, when she came with her husband to Cedar county, Iowa. Here he entered one hundred and sixty acres of land in Iowa township and to the improvement and cultivation of this tract he devoted his energies for many years. Being a gunsmith by trade, he was in the employ of the government for some time, repairing guns used in the Indian wars, specimens of which are now on exhibition in Des Moines, but his attention was mainly given to agricultural pursuits. In his family were eight children, namely: Amanda, who married Daniel Ellyson and is now deceased; Thomas, a resident of West Liberty, Iowa; Alfred, a resident of Atlantic, this state; Mary and Caroline, who died in infancy; Ann, the wife of Joseph Westfall, who died during his service in the Civil war, while her death occurred in Iowa township; F. M., the father of our subject; and William, of West Branch, Iowa.

F. M. Gray, our subject's father, continued a resident of Cedar county throughout life and was the owner of the farm upon which his son now resides besides a section of land in the state of Washington, where he spent three winters. He was a stanch supporter of the republican party and its principles and for six years most effectively served as county supervisor. After a useful and well spent life, he passed away on the 26th of April, 1907. In early manhood he married Miss Ella Blanchard, who was born in Stark county, Ohio, but came to Cedar county, Iowa, shortly after the Civil war. Here she died September 19, 1908. She was the daughter of Abraham and Lydia (McClunn) Blanchard, both of whom died in Ohio. Our subject is the younger of the two children



F. M. Gray.

Mrs. F. M. Gray

born to his parents, the other being Harry B., who is now the owner of a section of land which his father possessed in the state of Washington and also has a homestead which he entered there.

Charles O. Gray was only three years of age when the family removed to the farm in Iowa township in the spring of 1879, their home being about five miles southeast of Springdale, but after 1881 they returned to the old homestead in Gower township now owned and operated by our subject. In January, 1890, however, they removed to Springdale, but after residing there for a few months settled on his grandfather's old home farm. In March, 1897, Charles O. Gray with his parents and brother again located on the farm which he today owns and occupies and has since given his entire time and attention to its operation. He received a good district school education and also attended the Springdale schools for a time and took a course at the Iowa City Commercial College. He is a progressive and up-to-date farmer and is meeting with excellent success in the operation of his land, consisting of three hundred and thirty acres on sections 25, 26 and 27, Gower township. He has made many excellent improvements upon the place and in connection with general farming carries on stock-raising to some extent.

On the 10th of May, 1905, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Gray and Miss Elma Leech, who was born December 4, 1877, on a farm in Johnson county, Iowa, southwest of West Branch, her parents being John and Miriam (Walker) Leech of that place. This union has been blessed by three children, Francis Marvin, Eleanor and Howard. Mr. Gray is one of the prominent and representative citizens of this community and those who have known him from boyhood are numbered among his stanchest friends, a fact which indicates an upright and honorable career.

NICHOLAS J. CROCK.

That the life history of Nicholas J. Crock is a record of success is due to the persistent effort and intelligently directed industry which he has displayed through the years of his connection with agricultural interests in Cedar county. A native of Ohio, he was born in Noble county, near Harriettsville, on the 26th of April, 1872, a son of Joseph and Mary (Shott) Crock, both natives of the Buckeye state, where the father now resides, actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. The mother passed away in 1895 at the age of forty-five years. Their family consisted of ten children, of whom our subject was third in order of birth, the others being: Edward, of Noble county, Ohio; Jasper, residing in Jones county, Iowa; Henry and Lois, making their home in Noble county; William, of Cedar county, Iowa; Rosa, who passed away at the age of five years; Sophrona, the wife of Ed Yahoning, of Noble county, Ohio; Anna, who died in 1908; and Leo, also residing in Noble county.

No event of special importance came to vary the routine of life for Nicholas J. Crock during the period of his boyhood and youth, which was spent on the home farm in Ohio, and in the district schools of that state he acquired his edu-

cation. He also gained much practical knowledge concerning the best methods of farming, for when not engaged with his text-books he assisted his father in the work of the fields and early learned lessons concerning the value of industry, energy and perseverance. He remained at home until 1897, when he began working as a farm hand, continuing in that capacity for one year.

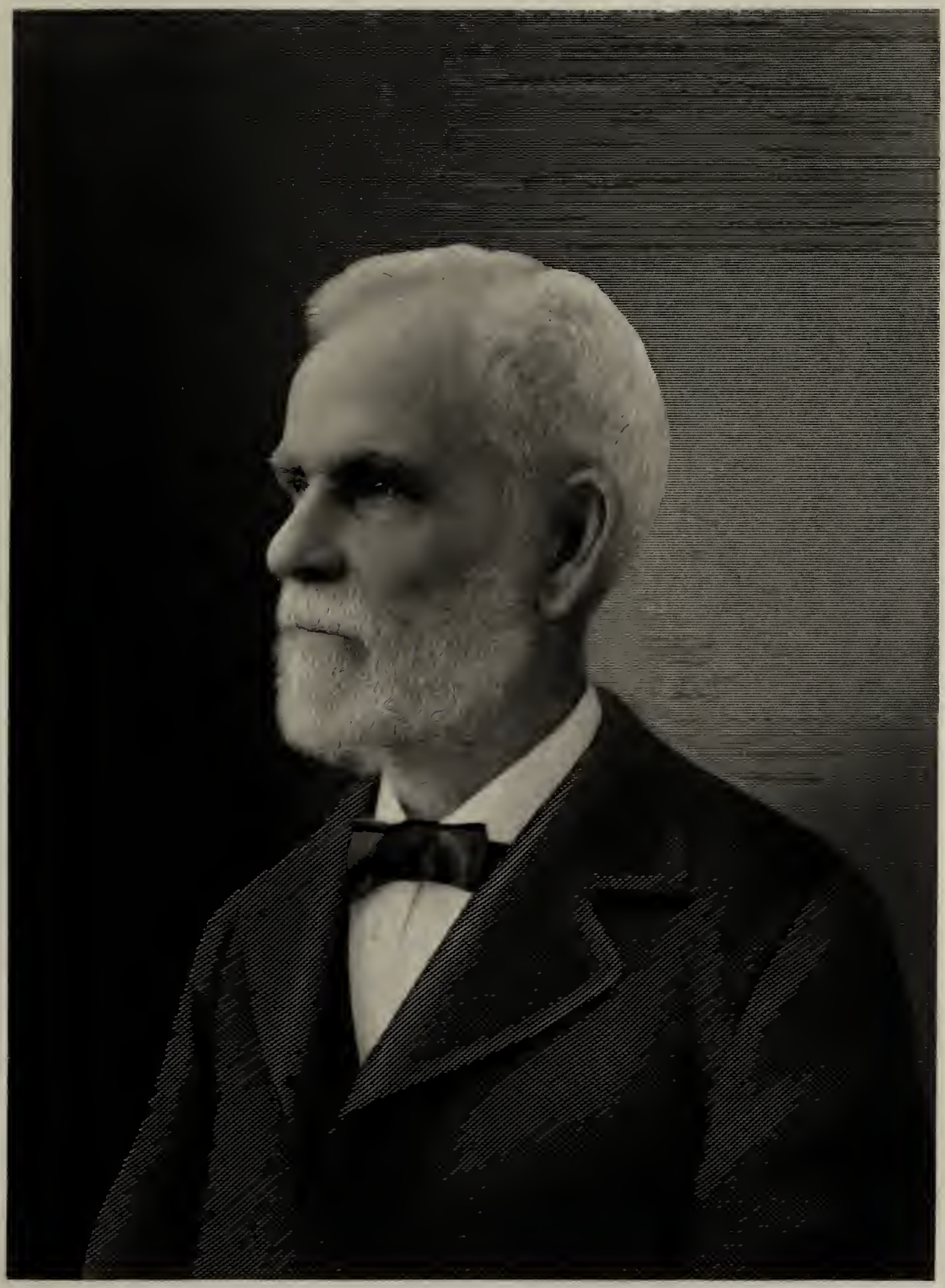
In February, 1897, Mr. Crock came to Cedar county, Iowa, and was here employed by others for two months, when, taking up agricultural pursuits on his own account, he rented a farm, which he operated for four years. At the expiration of that time, by means of hard work and strict economy, he accumulated sufficient capital to invest in property of his own, and in September, 1902, became the owner of his present farm, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres located on the northeast quarter of section 26, Cass township. The place, known as Pleasant Ridge Mule Farm, is a well developed property and indicates in its well kept appearance and carefully tilled fields the systematic and progressive methods of the owner. He also has ten acres of good timber land located on section 19, Cass township. He not only carries on general farming but raises high grade stock of all kinds, giving especial attention to the breeding of mules, and the excellent quality of both grain and stock insure high prices and ready sale upon the market. His interests are wisely and carefully managed and consequently are a source of gratifying annual remuneration.

On the 24th of April, 1901, Mr. Crock was united in marriage to Miss Mary Kadera, who was born November 11, 1877, in Bohemia, and was but a year old when brought to the United States by her parents. She was one of a family of five daughters and four sons born unto Joseph and Katharine (Cerveny) Kadera, who were also natives of Bohemia and came to the new world in 1878, locating in Cedar county, Iowa. The father passed away in the following year, while the mother still survives and makes her home with our subject. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Crock has been blessed with one child, Elma May.

The parents are communicants of St. Mary's Catholic church of Mechanicsville, while in his political faith Mr. Crock is a democrat. A life characterized by continuous activity in agricultural lines has been his record and as a result of his well directed efforts he has attained a degree of success which ranks him among the prosperous and progressive farmers and stock-raisers of his section of the county.

W. J. MOORE.

Honored and respected by all, no man occupies a more enviable position in financial and business circles in Tipton than W. J. Moore, president of the City National Bank. In this connection he has bent his energies to administrative direction and executive control and has made the bank one of the safe, reliable institutions not only of the county but of the state. Moreover, his record proves that success is not a matter of genius, as held by some, but is the result of clear judgment, experience and indefatigable industry.



Robert Lee Moore.

Mr. Moore was born in Fairfield township, Cedar county, about five miles north of Tipton, on the 19th of January, 1862, and spent his youthful days in the home of his parents, Robert Lee and Elizabeth (Johnston) Moore. The father was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1828, and came to America in 1849 when a young man of twenty-one years, landing at New Orleans, whence he made his way up the river and established his home in Cedar county, Iowa, in July, 1850. For half a century he resided on the farm on which the birth of W. J. Moore occurred.

On the 28th of June, 1858, Robert L. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Johnston, a native of Ohio, who came to Iowa with her parents. She died June 29, 1867, at the age of thirty-six years, while Mr. Moore long survived her and passed away April 21, 1904. In their family were six children: John Milton, now a resident of Kossuth county, Iowa; Hannah May, who is the wife of C. A. McCune of Davenport; David, who died at the age of twenty-one years; a son who died in infancy; W. J., of this review, and Mrs. C. P. Carl, of California. The father was again married, his second union being with Mary Peterson, a native of Ohio, now deceased. By that marriage the following children were born: A. L., a resident of South Dakota; Mrs. P. A. McMillen, of Carrington, North Dakota; S. W., of Fort Collins, Colorado; Anne, of Carrington, North Dakota; L. C. and Robert, living on the old homestead in Fairfield township; and Thomas, of South Dakota.

The youthful experiences of W. J. Moore were those that usually fall to the farm lad. He remained upon the old homestead with his parents until 1883 and, having mastered the branches of learning taught in the district schools, he attended the Tipton high school. Believing that he would find commercial pursuits more congenial and profitable than work along agricultural lines, he came to Tipton on attaining his majority, securing a clerkship in the dry-goods store of William Dean, with whom he remained for nine months. He afterward engaged in the grocery business on his own account for a year. In 1893 he was elected cashier of the First National Bank, serving in that capacity until the bank surrendered its charter, June 3, 1903, and when the business was reorganized under the name of the City National Bank Mr. Moore again became its cashier. In the spring of 1904, however, he was elected to the presidency and has since remained as chief executive officer, devoting his time largely to the active management of the bank, which during the past six years has made a remarkable showing, becoming recognized as one of the strong financial institutions of the state. The other officers are F. D. Wingert, vice president; Charles Swartzlender, cashier; F. J. Beatty, assistant cashier. The bank is capitalized for fifty thousand dollars and has a surplus and undivided profits of fifty-three thousand four hundred and seventy-three dollars. A general banking business is conducted and the institution has proven a valuable asset in the business circles of Cedar county. Mr. Moore is also a stockholder and director in the Tipton Lighting & Heating Company and a director of the Tipton Canning Company.

In 1886 Mr. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Mary Coutts, who was born in Red Oak Grove, Cedar county, January 8, 1862, and died in California, December 23, 1903. Her death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret for she was a lady whose many estimable qualities and kindly spirit endeared

her not only to her immediate family but also to many friends. She was a daughter of William Coutts, mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Moore was born two children: Mary Louise, who is now a student at Winnetka, Illinois; and Wallace Bandeen, a student in New York City.

Mr. Moore belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and is a public-spirited citizen. He manifests a deep interest in everything pertaining to the welfare and progress of the community, cooperating in many measures for the public good. He has been watchful of all the details of his business and of all indications pointing toward prosperity, and from the beginning has had an abiding faith in the ultimate success of the enterprise. He has gained prosperity, yet it was not alone the goal for which he was striving, for he belongs to that class of representative American citizens who promote the general good while advancing individual interests.

SAMUEL SMITH ROWSER.

Samuel Smith Rowser was born in Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, August 24, 1826. In 1844 he removed to Davenport, Iowa, with his parents. He learned the trade of a blacksmith there. In 1850 he returned to Bedford county, Pennsylvania, where in 1852 he married Frances Drollinger. The children born unto them were as follows: Annie E., now the wife of James Rhodes, of Saxton, Pennsylvania; John M., of Red Oak township, Cedar county, Iowa; A. W.; Nannie J., also of Red Oak township; Ella, the wife of D. W. Rhodes, of Saxton, Pennsylvania; W. I. and Charles H., of Gunnison, Colorado; Dr. E. E. Rowser, of Clarence, Iowa; Mabel, the wife of Oscar Speer, of Dysart, Iowa; and George D., who died in infancy.

Mr. Rowser returned to Davenport in 1855 and in 1857 moved to Red Oak Grove, where he established the first and only permanent blacksmith shop in Red Oak township and for nearly fifty years worked at his trade, being known throughout the country as an excellent workman in both iron and wood. The wife and mother died in 1902. Mr. Rowser lives with his daughter Nannie in the house that he built more than fifty years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Rowser were members of the United Brethren church and helped to establish and maintain the Red Oak Grove United Brethren church, which for many years had a large congregation at this place.

GEORGE H. ESCHER.

The farming and stock-raising interests of Cedar county have no more worthy representative than George H. Escher, now residing on section 19, Red Oak township. He is proprietor of the well known Outlook Stock Farm, two miles north of Tipton, and he is widely known throughout the state as a stock-dealer. A native of Cedar county, he was born on the 12th of May, 1862, three miles

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south of Tipton in Center township and resided there until three years of age, when he accompanied his parents, Jacob and Fredericka (Grabb) Escher, on their removal to his present farm. Here he grew to manhood, receiving a good education, attending first the country schools near his home and later the Tipton high school, while for one year he was a student at a college in Naperville, Illinois.

Mr. Escher remained with his parents until his marriage and then purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land five miles west of Tipton, whereon he lived for four years, but at the end of that time returned to the old homestead, which now comprises seven hundred and twenty-four acres of very productive land, three hundred and twenty-one acres being on sections 9, 10 and 12, Red Oak township; four hundred and three on sections 19, 18 and 24, the same township; and thirty-four acres in Fairfield township. All are well improved and under a high state of cultivation. In 1903 Mr. Escher erected upon his farm a beautiful twelve-room residence, at a cost of ten thousand dollars, and he has also built three modern barns, up-to-date in all their appointments, one being forty-six by eighty feet in dimensions; the second forty by eighty feet; and a third sixty-three by one hundred and two feet. He also has two hog houses, one twenty-two by sixty feet and the other twenty by forty-eight feet, and three sets of double corn cribs, one thirty-six by sixty feet and twelve feet high; another twenty-six by forty-four feet and the same height; and the third thirty-two by twenty-four feet and ten feet high. He operates in all seven hundred acres of land and in connection with its cultivation is quite extensively engaged in stock-raising, feeding on an average about nine carloads of stock annually. He employs six men in the operation of his land and has twenty-five head of good work horses, used in the cultivation of his fields. He makes a specialty of the breeding of Shire horses, polled Angus cattle and Poland China hogs, while his wife gives particular attention to Buff Orphington and Plymouth Rock chickens, being a member of the Cedar County Poultry Association.

It was on the 12th of February, 1885, that Mr. Escher was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Fraseur, who was born in Center township, this county, December 5, 1866, a daughter of Montgomery Fraseur, of whom mention is made on another page of this work. Of the children born of this union Earl M. J. is the eldest. He received a good education, attending the public schools of Tipton for some time and later a business college at Cedar Rapids. After leaving that institution he entered the Agricultural College at Ames and on completing his studies there returned home. He now assists his father in the operation of the farm, in the work of which he is greatly interested, and is one of the model young men of the community. Ernest Lee is now a student in the high school of Tipton, while Edna June is attending the same institution.

Mr. Escher is a republican in politics but does not care for political honors. He is a director of the Farmers & Merchants Savings Bank of Tipton and also of the Cedar County Fair Association. In business he has shown excellent ability and sound judgment in investment and as the years have gone by has won substantial success that now numbers him among the men of affluence in his community. So worthily has his prosperity been gained that the most envious

cannot grudge him his success. He is one of the leading members of the Lutheran church of Tipton, with which his family is also connected, and he is now serving as elder of the same, having succeeded his father in that office. During his long residence in this county he has enjoyed the respect of his fellowmen because his life has been an honorable and upright one.

JOHN LANGMANN, SR.

John Langmann, one of the well known residents of Bennett, has retired from active labor upon his three hundred and twenty acre farm and now rents that property, while he occupies the residence property he has owned in Bennett for some time. He is a native of Germany, his birth having occurred in Mecklenburg, March 19, 1833, and is a son of John and Sophia (Tappendorf) Langmann, also natives of Mecklenburg. His parents emigrated to America with their family of children in 1851 and lived in New Orleans for three years, arriving in Davenport, Iowa, in 1854. Misfortune overtook the little family when first they came to this state as cholera was then raging throughout the west and the husband and father was stricken down. With her young children encumbering her, the brave German mother set about to make her way in this new and strange country which had claimed her natural protector. Her sons, fortunately, were grown into young manhood. Readily they undertook the task of supporting mother and sisters and secured work right away.

John Langmann of this review worked as common laborer that his mother and sisters might not want, and for nearly three years the family leaned upon him for support, which he did not fail to give. He had received a fair schooling in Germany, but it availed him little at that time, for labor was the only commodity which he carried that had any price. With his mother he remained until he was twenty-seven years old. He was then married and made his home in Davenport until 1866. He engaged in farming in Scott county and finally came to Cedar county in 1874, buying one hundred and sixty acres of improved land in Inland township. Here he farmed and raised stock until 1903, when he retired and moved to Bennett, where he now resides. In addition to owning the farm he first purchased in Cedar county, Mr. Langmann owns another tract of similar size, making his estate three hundred and twenty acres in extent. All his land is highly improved and equipped with the most modern farm appliances.

In Davenport, Iowa, on the 16th of November, 1860, Mr. Langmann wedded Miss Mary Schmeto, native of Mecklenburg, Germany, and a daughter of Carl and Sophia (Hamp) Schmeto. Her father, having died in Germany before the mother and daughter came to America, the mother married a second time and lives in Davenport. Mrs. Langmann was born June 25, 1841, and had made her home in Davenport since her childhood.

Our subject and his wife have become the parents of eleven children, five of whom are deceased. Amelia, the wife of William Goettsch, of Rock county, Minnesota, is the eldest of those living; Charles is a resident of West Liberty, Iowa; Emma is the wife of Carl Hass, of Mason City, Iowa; Albert is engaged

in farming in Inland township; John makes his home in Scott county, Iowa; Mattie is the wife of P. M. Kettelsen, of Inland township. Those dead are: Fred, who passed away at the age of twenty-four years; Otto, who was married and the head of a family when he died aged forty-five years; John, who died aged one year and seven months; Barnhardt, who was married and had reared a family in Inland township, where he died three years ago; and Herman, who was also married and living in Inland township, where he died three years ago.

Mr. Langmann was reared in the Lutheran faith, although not actively identified with the church in the United States. His political beliefs are of the democratic kind and he has held all the township offices within the gift of the electors. School director for twelve years, township trustee trustee and road supervisor, he has occupied all these positions and has filled the offices to the entire satisfaction of his constituents, as is proven conclusively by his constant reelection. He is among the older members of the Odd Fellows of the state, having joined the Davenport lodge in 1865. Thoroughly honest and entirely self-made, he has gained friends by the score and is esteemed by all with whom he has come in contact.

CHARLES STOUT.

Charles Stout, deceased, was throughout life identified with the interests of Cedar county and at the time of his death was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits on section 36, Cass township. He was born in that township on the 28th of November, 1857, a son of John and Elizabeth (Miller) Stout. He was the youngest of their seven children and was reared and educated in much the manner of farm boys of his period. On starting out in life for himself he chose the occupation with which he had become familiar while aiding in the work of the home farm, and eventually became the owner of a well improved place of eighty acres on section 36, Cass township, besides a valuable tract of twenty-three acres of timber land on section 7.

On the 31st of December, 1884, Mr. Stout married Mrs. Eliza C. Edwards, who was born in Darke county, Ohio, August 9, 1862. Her father, Josiah Wagaman, was also a native of that county, his birth occurring on the 12th of December, 1841. He was the eldest child of John and Eliza Wagaman, the others being: David, deceased; Alexander and John Calvin, both residents of Darke county. He continued to reside there until his removal to Cedar county, Iowa, in November, 1869, at which time he settled at Cedar Bluff, which remained his home until his death, May 7, 1873. At the age of sixteen years he began learning the carpenter's trade and continued to follow that occupation throughout life and at the same time worked at the shoemaker's trade during the winter months. His home was in the village of Cedar Bluff, Cass township.

It was on the 15th of August, 1861, that Mr. Wagaman was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Marker, who was also born in Darke county, Ohio, August 13, 1841, her parents being Eli and Catharine (Epard) Marker, natives of Maryland and Pennsylvania respectively, though the greater part of their lives was

passed in Darke county, Ohio. In 1864 they came to Cedar county, Iowa, where both died. There were fourteen children in their family, of whom three died in infancy and one at the age of seventeen years, while the others all reached years of maturity, married and reared families of their own. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wagaman are: Eliza Catherine, now the widow of Charles Stout; Mary Ann, the wife of Henry Miller, of Cedar Bluff; John Eli, who resides with his mother and is engaged in farming in Cass township; Della Jane, the wife of Jacob Stout; William Alexander, a resident of Cass township; and Cora Arminta, the wife of James Johnson, of Pioneer township.

For her first husband Mrs. Stout married David Edwards, a native of Johnson county, Iowa, where his death occurred in 1881. By that union there were two children: Abbie May, the wife of Ed Lehman, of Cass township; and Enoch Calvin, who died in infancy. By her second union Mrs. Stout had five children, but two died in infancy, the others being Alice Ethel, now the wife of James Elliott, of Cass township; Clarence Melvin, at home; and Millie, who died at the age of two months.

Politically Mr. Stout was a stanch supporter of the republican party and its principles and his fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, called upon him to serve in school and road offices, the duties of which he faithfully performed. He was an honored member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Tipton and was a man of worth and ability, who commanded the respect and confidence of those with whom he was brought in contact either in business or social life.

J. H. ONSTOTT.

Military experiences have been the theme of song and story from the earliest ages and as long as the American people cherish their history they will hold in grateful remembrance the soldiers who fought for the preservation of the Union in the darkest hour of our national existence. Among this number was J. H. Onstott, who marched with the Iowa troops to the defense of the old flag. He was, however, no more loyal to the stars and stripes through the period of the war than he is at the present time, for Cedar county numbers him among her public-spirited citizens. He is now living retired in Mechanicsville and, moreover, is numbered among the early settlers of Cedar county, dating his residence here from the fall of 1851. His birth occurred in Muskingum county, Ohio, near Zanesville, October 23, 1844.

His father, John Onstott, was a native of Pennsylvania, the date of his birth being March 10, 1815. He removed to Ohio with his father, Jacob Onstott, who belonged to one of the pioneer families of Pennsylvania. On going to Ohio he took up his abode in Muskingum county, where John Onstott was reared to manhood and married Miss Mary Young, a native of Morgan county, that state. He had previously learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in early life. In the family were twelve children, three of whom were born in Ohio. In 1851 the parents came with their family to Iowa, settling in Mechanicsville, where the

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father purchased land on which the town now stands. The district that is now thickly covered with good homes and business blocks was then devoted to farming and in connection with the cultivation of the fields he followed his trade and also did considerable repair work. Subsequently in connection with Daniel H. Comstock he laid out and established the town of Mechanicsville, selling lots and erecting several buildings in the town. After rearing his family here, he removed to Pawnee City, Nebraska, where his last years were spent, his death there occurring January 13, 1893.

J. H. Onstott is the eldest of two sons, now living, his brother being John J. Onstott, a contractor and bridge builder of Pawnee City, Nebraska. The subject of this review received common school advantages in his youth and was trained to habits of industry, perseverance and integrity—the lessons of early life bearing rich fruit in later years. The need of his country in 1862 roused his patriotic spirit and on the 28th of July he joined Company H of the Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he went to the south, the regiment being assigned to the Trans-Mississippi Department. He was first under fire at Raymond and at Jackson, Mississippi, May 14, 1863, and participated in the siege of Vicksburg, being one of the boys who marched into the city for their 4th of July dinner in 1863. Later they returned to Jackson, taking part in the second battle at that place, July 11, 1863, and subsequently were engaged in the three days' fight at Tupelo. At Nashville Mr. Onstott aided in routing Hood's army, after which he went up the Red river on Banks' expedition, his command being known as Smith's Guerrillas. They skirmished along the river and at length joined the command of General Banks. He likewise participated in the battles of Spanish Fort, and Fort Pulaski in April, 1865, near the close of the war. After the fall of Vicksburg he was ill for a time and returned home, his father going to the front for him. As soon as possible, however, he rejoined his regiment and continued on active duty until honorably discharged at Davenport on the 16th of August, 1865. He went to the front as a corporal and later was promoted to the rank of sergeant.

When the war was over Mr. Onstott returned home and for a time was engaged in farming in different parts of the state. He also engaged in selling sewing machines at Waterloo, Iowa, for sixteen months and later gave his attention to speeding horses, following the track for two or three years.

On the expiration of that period he returned home and was married in Cedar county on the 23d of May, 1876, to Miss Julia Rodgers, who was born in Ohio and was reared in Cedar county, Iowa, to which place she came with her parents when a little maiden of three summers. She is a daughter of Ezekiel Rodgers, for years proprietor of the Mechanicsville Hotel. Following his marriage Mr. Onstott conducted a Grange store for two years and subsequently engaged in clerking for three years. In the fall of 1882, in connection with E. L. Bennett, he bought out an implement business, which he carried on for twenty years. Mr. Bennett was succeeded in the business by D. C. Gilliland, who was Mr. Onstott's partner for thirteen years. He continued in the business until 1902 and ranked with the prominent and progressive business men of the town. He was also one of the stockholders of the State Bank and a stockholder, promoter and director of the Mechanicsville Savings Bank.

His political allegiance has ever been given to the republican party, his first presidential vote being cast for Abraham Lincoln in 1864 while he was serving with the Union Army in Missouri on the banks of the Osage river. He has ever stood as a stalwart champion of republican principles and on that ticket has been elected to several offices. He has served as township clerk, as a member of the town board, as mayor of the city, and as postmaster at Mechanicsville for four years under President Harrison. He was appointed clerk of the board of the independent school district of Mechanicsville in 1882 and that he has been most loyal to the interests of the schools is indicated in the fact that reelection has kept him continuously in the position to the present time. In 1903 he was elected supervisor and by reelection is now serving for the seventh consecutive year, while for one or more terms he has been chairman of the county board. He has frequently been chosen as a delegate to county and state conventions of his party and in fact is recognized as one of the leaders of the republican party in this district.

Mr. Onstott is also prominent in fraternal circles, belonging to Patmos Lodge, No. 155, A. F. & A. M.; Mechanicsville Chapter, No. 134, R. A. M.; Cedar Rapids Commandery, K. T.; and the Mystic Shrine at Cedar Rapids. For years he has served as secretary of the lodge and in his life exemplifies the beneficent spirit which underlies the craft. He was chosen the first commander of the Grand Army Post at Mechanicsville and has since served as quartermaster. His excellent business ability has gained him prominence in commercial and financial circles. He has never feared to venture where favoring opportunity has led the way and he stands high in business and social circles, while Cedar county recognizes him as one of its most public-spirted citizens.

CAPTAIN J. E. BARTLEY.

Cedar county has reason to be proud of the record of many of her native sons and that of Captain J. E. Bartley has been characterized by qualities that are well worthy of commendation. As a soldier of the Spanish-American war, as chief executive of the city and as a business man he has written his name largely on the history of Tipton. A native of this county, Captain Bartley was born in Red Oak township, October 21, 1866, his parents being George and Mary (Brown) Bartley, the former a native of the state of New York and the latter of Iowa. The mother died in 1877 when about thirty-one years of age, and the father passed away in 1904 at the age of fifty-six years. He was a soldier in the Civil war and although only about seventeen years of age at the time of enlistment, he became a member of Company E of the Ninetieth New York Volunteer Infantry in April, 1865, and served for about nine months. In the fall of that year he removed to Iowa and was married in this state. He took up the occupation of farming, which he followed until 1877, when his wife died. He then removed to northwestern Iowa, spending the greater part of his life there.

At his mother's death Captain J. E. Bartley went to live with the maternal grandparents, John and Mary (Cook) Brown, who were natives of New York.

Removing westward, they settled first in Davenport and later came to this county, where their remaining days were passed. In the family of George and Mary (Brown) Bartley there were five children, of whom the subject of this review is the eldest. The others are: Charles, who is living in Stanwood, Iowa; William, a resident of Laurens, Iowa; E. C., of Wilton, North Dakota; and George, who died in Tipton in 1890 at the age of seventeen years.

After going to live with his maternal grandparents, Captain J. E. Bartley continued his education in the public schools. In 1882 a removal was made to a farm north of Tipton and later the Brown home was established in Tipton. Captain Bartley was graduated from the high school in the class of 1888 and for a half-year was a student in Ames Agricultural College. Both previous and subsequent to that time he engaged in teaching school, continuing to follow that profession in the country schools and villages until 1895. He then took up the occupation of farming, to which he devoted his energies until the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, when he enlisted for service, his wife managing the farm during his absence. The spirit of patriotism sprang up within him and believing in the righteousness of the American cause, he joined the volunteers for active service at the front when war was inaugurated with Spain. He had previously had considerable experience as a member of the National Guard. On the 2d of May, 1887, he had enlisted as a member of Company B of the First Iowa Regiment and in 1896 was elected second lieutenant of Company F of that regiment and it was with that rank that he was mustered into the United States service as a member of the Forty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, the command being stationed at Jacksonville, Florida, from the 14th of June until the 25th of October, 1898. They were then transferred to Savannah, Georgia, where they remained until the 23d of December, when they embarked for Havana, Cuba, and were on the island until the 5th of April, 1899. They then returned to Savannah and were mustered out on the 13th of May of that year. In November, 1898, Captain Bartley had been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant following the return of the volunteer troops and his resumption of active connection with the state military organization. He was made captain of Company F of the Fifty-Third Regiment of the Iowa National Guard on the 2d of May, 1900. He has since held that rank and has a well drilled and well trained organization of which he has every reason to be proud while the men of the company declare unswerving allegiance to their captain.

After the war Captain Bartley came to Tipton and in the fall of 1899 was elected county treasurer. He received an endorsement of his first term by re-election at the close of the two years, thus filling the office for four years. On his retirement from that position he turned his attention to the general fire insurance and real-estate business in connection with L. S. Maxson and C. A. Lee, under the firm style of Bartley, Maxson & Lee. This relation was maintained until the 1st of January, 1909, when Mr. Lee withdrew and the partnership has since been that of Bartley & Maxson. In this connection a liberal clientage has been secured, the firm representing some of the oldest and most reliable fire insurance companies, while in the real-estate field they have handled considerable valuable property and negotiated many important realty transfers.

Captain Bartley's connection with business and military interests, however, does not comprise the extent of his activities for he has long been recognized as a leader of the republican party in this county and one whose efforts in public office have been of distinct value to his fellow citizens. In March, 1906, he was elected mayor of Tipton and was reelected for a second term, retiring from the office on the 4th of April, 1910. He has also been a member of the board of education, serving at the present time for the second term. It will thus be seen that in every office to which he has been called he has been reelected for a second term. While no man in a political position is free from criticism, his course on the whole has awakened uniform admiration and commendation even from those opposed to him politically.

On the 16th of August, 1892, Captain Bartley was married to Miss Edith Cope, who was born in Iowa township, Cedar county, September 25, 1871, a daughter of Charles and Janette (Guild) Cope. The mother is now deceased but the father resides in Muscatine county, Iowa, having come to this state from his native state of Ohio. Unto Captain and Mrs. Bartley have been born six children: Charles, Mary, Robert, Ruth, John and Frances.

Captain Bartley is a member of the Knights of Pythias and in the different organizations with which he has been connected, political, military and fraternal, he is always popular for his fellow members recognize him as a man who is generally just in his opinions and straightforward in his actions. He has given good service in the various positions to which he has been called and has been prompted in all his acts by a sense of fidelity to duty that is worthy of emulation.

JONATHAN LAHMON.

Jonathan Lahmon, who carries on general farming and stockraising on section 13, Linn township, is the owner of a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres, known as The Sunnyside Stock Farm. The name indicates the character of the business that is there carried on. Mr. Lahmon has resided continuously in Cedar county since September, 1864, arriving here when a young man of about twenty-three years. He was born in Knox county, Ohio, October 6, 1840, and was there reared upon the farm while fair common-school advantages were afforded him. After coming to Iowa he began farming on his own account, renting land which he cultivated for a few years, assiduously applying himself to the work in hand for he knew that in his own labors lay the basis of any success that he might secure.

Mr. Lahmon was married in Linn township, December 24, 1870, to Miss Harriet A. Moffit, a native of Ohio and a daughter of William Moffit, who came to Iowa from Ohio about 1853 and settled in Linn township upon the farm which Mr. Lahmon now owns and occupies. After his marriage Mr. Lahmon rented land and thus carried on farming for several years. He then removed to Adair county, Iowa, where he rented land which he cultivated for six years. Following his return to Cedar county he located upon the Moffit place, known as The Sunnyside Stock Farm, purchasing the interest of the other heirs in this

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property. He began here with an eighty-acre tract of land but afterward bought another eighty-acre tract, so that he now owns an entire quarter section. He built a good two-story residence, also a large barn, a good granary and corn crib. He has sunk a well, introduced a wind pump and has fenced the entire place. His farm presents a neat and attractive appearance and the fields return good harvests. He also raises and feeds stock, sheep and a large number of hogs each year and sells cattle off the pasture.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lahmon have been born four children: J. W., who is married and resides in Cass township; Jennie M., the wife of E. J. Armstrong, a farmer of Center township; Alta, the wife of Melvin Carr of Linn township; and Stella M., the wife of William T. Johnson of Jones county. The parents are members of the United Brethren church, the house of worship being situated just across the road from their home. Mr. Lahmon is serving as one of the church trustees and they take an active interest in all church work. Politically Mr. Lahmon is a democrat, having always given his support to the party, but has never sought or desired offce. He is one of the prosperous farmers and stock dealers of Linn township and in business affairs has established his place as a representative citizen, progressive and enterprising.

EDWARD E. ROWSER, D. V. S.

Dr. Edward E. Rowser, a well known veterinary surgeon of Clarence, has long enjoyed a lucrative and continually growing practice in this connection. His birth occurred in Red Oak township, Cedar county, Iowa, on the 28th of February, 1868, his father being S. S. Rowser, an old settler of this county, of whom extended mention is made on another page of this volume. He obtained his early education in the district schools of his native township, later attended the high school at Tipton and subsequently entered the Ontario Veterinary College of Toronto, Canada, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1893-4. In the spring of 1894 he located for practice at Clarence, Iowa, here remaining until 1900, when he removed to Montana. For a year and a half he made his home in that state, the ranch being one hundred miles from a railroad and twenty-five miles from the nearest town—Lewistown. On returning to Clarence he resumed practice here and has since been very successful as a veterinary surgeon, having built up an extensive and profitable patronage within a radius of fifteen miles.

On the 1st of July, 1901, in Montana, Dr. Rowser was united in marriage to Miss Sadie Buchan, who was at that time visiting in the state. Her father, A. L. Buchan, is an old resident of Clarence, this county. He was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, on the 16th of August, 1825, was educated in that country and after leaving home followed the sea for thirty-five years. On the 9th of August, 1854, in Canada, he wedded Miss Mary Dee, whose birth occurred in Liverpool, England, in 1838. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dee were born nine children: Lavinia and Alexander, both of whom are deceased; Mary; Frank; John; Esther; Margaret; Mrs. Rowser; and Isabelle. The wife and mother was called to her final rest on

the 6th of November, 1889, her demise occurring at Clarence. Unto Dr. Rowser and his wife has been born a son, Ralph Edward, whose natal day was January 5, 1910.

Dr. Rowser is a stanch republican in politics and for four years capably served as township constable. Both he and his wife are devoted and consistent members of the Presbyterian church at Clarence. They are well known in social circles and enjoy in large measure the friendship and kindly regard of those with whom they have been brought in contact.

GEORGE S. KOPPENHAVER.

Few residents of Cedar county more richly deserve the proud American title of a self-made man than does George S. Koppenhaver, who, being placed out to work at a very early age, has through the intervening years steadily made his way upward until today he is the owner of a valuable farm and is ranked among the substantial and successful business men of his section. Born in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, on the 20th of October, 1865, he is a son of George and Katharine (Wolf) Koppenhaver, natives of Pennsylvania, where the father died when the subject was but a year old. The following year the widowed mother came west to Iowa, now making her home in Mechanicsville. Unable to keep the family together, soon after her arrival in this state she was obliged to put them out to work, placing them in good homes. The children, six in number, are all yet living and are as follows: Charles, residing near Mechanicsville; Alice, the wife of William Sosbe; Emma, who wedded John Onstatt, of Nebraska; Fred, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Eugene, a resident of Buchanan, Cedar county; and George S., of this review.

The last named was but two years old when brought to Iowa by his mother who, by dint of hard work and strict economy, was able to send him to the schools of Mechanicsville, where he acquired a good education. At the early age of ten years, however, he began working for various farmers in the locality during the periods of vacation, thus assisting in the support of the family, and when fifteen years old he laid aside his text-books altogether, eager to provide entirely for his own support. He began working by the month as a farm hand and continued in that capacity until his marriage, when, in 1894, he purchased his present farm, thus beginning an independent business career. His independence, however, had been won only at the cost of many years of earnest toil and the strictest economy—years, however, which not only gave him a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the field of labor which he had chosen as his life work, but which also taught him many lessons concerning the value of industry, energy and perseverance, qualities which continued to be salient elements in his subsequent career. His farm, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres located on section 19, Cass township, and known as the Maple Grove Stock Farm, is a well improved property, its excellent condition being due largely to the well directed efforts of Mr. Koppenhaver. Most of his attention is given to his stock interests, making a specialty of breeding shorthorn cattle, and he has at present in his

pastures fifty-six high grade animals of that breed, with a fine bull, Golden Chief, at the head of the herd. He also raises Norman horses, and has been so successful in the management of his business interests that he is today ranked among the prominent and prosperous stock-raisers of his section of the country.

On the 1st of February, 1894, Mr. Koppenhaver was united in marriage to Miss Ella Herring, who was born in Red Oak township in 1870, a daughter of Albert and Rachel (Boon) Herring. The father is now deceased, while the mother, who still survives, makes her home in Stanwood. To Mr. and Mrs. Koppenhaver have been born three children: Gladys, Leone and Eva.

Mr. Koppenhaver gives his political support to the republican party, but although he has ever been most public spirited in his citizenship, desiring always the best interests of the community, his business affairs have left him little time for participation in public matters, and the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. Starting out in life empty-handed, being thrown upon his own resources when yet a mere lad, he early developed the qualities of enterprise and self-reliance which have ever characterized his efforts in business life, and the creditable degree of prosperity which he today enjoys is due entirely to his well directed efforts and intelligently applied labor.

FRED GOLDSMITH.

Fred Goldsmith of Clarence, who for the past seven years has been one of the valued members of the county board of supervisors, dates his residence in Cedar county from 1873, at which time he located in Fairfield township. He has since been classed with the worthy and representative citizens of the community and his labors have been a source of public progress as well as of individual success. His birth occurred in Mecklenburg, Germany, March 20, 1856, and his father, Hans Goldsmith, was also a native of Mecklenburg. He spent his youthful days in that country and there married Elizabeth Horseman. All of their children were born in the fatherland.

Fred Goldsmith was reared in Mecklenburg to the age of seventeen years. He had good common-school advantages in the German language but is self-educated in English, mastering the tongue spoken in this country after coming to the new world. It was in 1873 that he and his brother Henry and two sisters crossed the Atlantic, making their way direct to Cedar county, Iowa, where Fred secured employment as a farm hand by the month. After working in that way for two years he rented land, which he cultivated for seven years, and on the expiration of that period he purchased one hundred and sixty acres, constituting the home farm in Fairfield township. He began the further development of the place and his progressive spirit is indicated in the fact that he afterward erected a large and substantial residence together with three barns, corn cribs, a granary and hog house. His buildings were always kept in a state of good repair and indicated his wise and careful supervision. He also purchased an additional tract of land of two hundred and forty acres in Dayton township, constituting a well improved farm that is now worth two hundred dollars per acre and has one hun-

dred and twenty acres in Massillon township. He continued to engage actively in the development of his place until 1904 and made a business of raising and feeding stock, fattening and selling about twenty carloads of stock annually. In fact he was recognized as one of the most prominent, extensive and successful stock-dealers in this part of the state. In 1904 he removed to Clarence, where he purchased residence property and for two years was engaged in the real-estate business there but is now living retired.

Mr. Goldsmith was married in Fairfield township on the 9th of April, 1884, to Miss Minnie Meyer, who was born and reared in Germany. They have become the parents of eight children: Gus, who is married and is a farmer of Fairfield township; Louis, who is married and follows farming in Dayton township; Fred; Lena, the wife of Charles Conrad, a resident farmer of Springfield township; Martha, the wife of Chris Hansen of Massillon township, Cedar county, Iowa; Amanda, Anna and Amelia, all at home.

Mr. Goldsmith is a democrat where national issues are involved but locally casts an independent ballot. He was elected township trustee and by re-election so continued in the office for a number of years. He was chosen a member of the county board of supervisors and is now filling the position for the seventh year, while for one year he was president of the board. He has also been a member of the town board since taking up his abode in Clarence and served as treasurer of the schools of Clarence for one year. He has frequently been a delegate to county and state conventions and is one of the best known men of Cedar county, being closely identified with its growth and development for more than a third of a century. He belongs to the Masonic lodge at Clarence and he and his family are members of the German Evangelical church, the teachings of which they loyally exemplify in their daily lives.

RICHARD JACKSON, JR.

One of the most attractive and best improved farms of Linn township is that owned and occupied by Richard Jackson, Jr., on sections 2 and 11, comprising three hundred and twenty acres of valuable and productive land. He dates his residence in Cedar county from 1865, being only two years old when brought to this state by his father, Richard Jackson, Sr., of whom extended mention is made in connection with the sketch of William A. Jackson on another page of this volume.

Mr. Jackson was born in Rock Island, Illinois, on the 24th of February, 1863, and was reared in this county. As soon as old enough he began to assist in the operation of the home farm and remained with his father until his marriage, which was celebrated in Fremont township, March 23, 1892, Miss Margaret Moir becoming his wife. She is a native of that township and a daughter of John Moir, who came to Cedar county in 1866. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have been born two sons and three daughters, namely: Allen D., Harry R., Bertha M., Mina May and Nancy A., all of whom are at home.

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After his marriage Mr. Jackson commenced farming in Fremont township, where he made his home until 1896, and then removed to his present farm in Linn township. Here he owned four hundred acres of land, but has since disposed of an eighty-acre timber tract. Upon his farm he has erected a large two-story residence, a good barn and other substantial outbuildings, and to the further improvement and cultivation of his place he devotes his entire time and energies. In connection with general farming he carries on stock-raising and fattens about a carload of cattle for market and from one hundred to two hundred head of hogs each year. He was one of the promoters and is a stockholder in the Mechanicsville Savings Bank and is regarded as one of the most reliable and progressive business men of his community. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has voted with the democratic party and has been called upon to serve his fellow citizens as township trustee and member of the school board. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church at Mechanicsville and occupy an enviable position in social circles. Mr. Jackson is a man of recognized ability and is widely and favorably known throughout the county, where almost his entire life has been passed.

JACOB STOUT.

Jacob Stout, a prominent and progressive agriculturist and representative citizen of Cedar county, was born on the farm which is now his home on the 10th of June, 1855, a son of John and Elizabeth (Miller) Stout, natives of Ohio and Virginia respectively. The father came to Cedar county in 1840 and was here married in 1844. He was an agriculturist by occupation and that he was successful in his chosen life work was indicated by the fact that at the time of his death he was one of the extensive property holders in his section, possessing five hundred and seventy acres of rich farming land all in one body and also one hundred and ninety-four acres of timber land. One hundred and sixty acres of this property, located on section 36, Cass township, he had entered from the government and upon this tract he made his home. He passed away at the age of seventy-nine years, six months and twelve days, while his wife was seventy-nine years and two days old when she passed away in November, 1885. In their family were seven children, as follows: William, who was drowned in the Cedar river when sixteen years of age; Mary Ann, the wife of William Tevis, of Buchanan; James H., of Cass township; George W., who resides in Tipton; Sarah E., who wedded Fred Buch, of Tipton; Jacob, of this review; and Charles, who has also passed away, leaving a widow and two children.

Upon the home farm Jacob Stout was reared, and there his entire life has been spent. He attended the district schools near his home in the acquirement of an education, and, when not busy with his text-books, assisted in the work of the fields, early becoming familiar with the various tasks that fall to the lot of the farmer boy. Upon attaining his majority he began business life independently as a farmer and has never sought to enter other fields, but has confined his efforts and attention to that line of activity in which he has met with a creditable

degree of success. His farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres, lying on sections 36 and 35, Cass township, has, under his wise management, been brought to a high state of cultivation, for his labors have ever been thorough and systematic and his methods practical and up-to-date. He has planted the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, has practiced rotation of crops, and the success which has attended his efforts is but the logical result of a life characterized by energy, industry and perseverance.

It was on the 18th of December, 1888, that Mr. Stout was united in marriage to Miss Della Jane Wagaman, who was born in Darke county, Ohio, on the 22d of April, 1868. Her parents, Josiah and Sarah (Marker) Wagaman, were reared and married in Ohio and came to Iowa in 1870, where the father has since passed away. The mother still survives and makes her home in Cass township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stout have been born eight children, all of whom are still under the parental roof. They are as follows: Fred, Sadie, Frank, Ralph, Essie, LeRoy, Glenn and Jesse.

The political support of Mr. Stout has been given to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and he is a strong advocate of all measures which tend to upbuild and promote the welfare of the community. He is now serving as president of the township school board and the cause of education finds in him an especially warm friend. His has been a life of continuous activity, characterized at all times by honorable methods and high ideals, while his life-long residence in this locality has made his list of friends a long one, all of whom entertain for him high regard and esteem.

PETER WILLER.

Iowa ranks among the first of the great agricultural states of the Union and Cedar county is one of its richest sections. The wealth of the state comes mostly from its farming and stock-raising interests and among its most progressive citizens are those who are promoting activity along these lines. One of the most progressive farmers of Center township is Peter Willer, who now lives on section 31, where he owns a fine farm and has erected thereon a beautiful new ten-room residence. He has a wide acquaintance in this county, for he has lived here since his first year and, since attaining manhood, has been actively identified with its farming and stock-raising interests.

A native of Ohio, Mr. Willer was born near Pomeroy, Meigs county, December 1, 1864, his parents being George and Julia Willer, of whom extended mention is made on another page of this volume. As before stated, it was during his infancy that he was brought by his parents to Cedar county in the spring of 1865 and the family located in Center township. He remained under the parental roof until his marriage and for two years afterward he engaged in the operation of his father's farm. He then purchased a farm of two hundred and forty acres in Fairfield township, to which he has added until its boundaries now comprise four hundred and forty acres on sections 34 and 35. This he has improved by the erection of good and substantial buildings and has placed

under a high state of cultivation. Upon that property he continued to reside until February 3, 1910, when he located upon his present farm, just outside the corporation limits of Tipton. Here he owns one hundred and twenty acres of land, which is also well improved and highly cultivated. Throughout his active business career he has given considerable attention to the raising and feeding of stock and besides operating his present farm he is also engaged in the cultivation of his old place in Fairfield township in partnership with another.

Mr. Willer was married on the 4th of April, 1889, to Miss Mary Birk, who was born in this county, June 28, 1869, her parents being Adam and Emeline (Shaffer) Birk. They now have four children, namely: Edith A., Forest B., Vera L. and Edwin P.

Mr. Willer is a prominent and influential member of the Reformed church of Tipton, in which he is now serving as deacon, and in his social relations is connected with the Odd Fellows lodge of that place. He is a stockholder in the Cedar County Fair Association and as a public-spirited and progressive citizen gives his support to all measures which he believes will promote the moral and material welfare of his adopted county. Throughout his entire life he has manifested those individual characteristics which in every land and clime awaken confidence and good will.

DOMINICK SUCHOMEL.

Among the prosperous farmers of Cedar county who owe their success in life entirely to their own efforts is Dominick Suchomel, who now owns and operates an excellent farm of five hundred acres lying partly in Graham township, Johnson county, and Cass township, Cedar county, his home being on section 32 of the latter township. He was born in Netolizt, Bohemia, on the 4th of August, 1858, and is a son of Albert and Catharine (Michael) Suchomel, who spent their entire lives in the old country. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died when our subject was only five years old, and of the nine children in the family only five reached years of maturity, Dominick and his brother Thomas being the only ones to come to the United States.

It was in 1871 that out subject crossed the broad Atlantic and proceeded on his way to Cedar county, Iowa, where he joined his brother Thomas, who was then renting the farm on which our subject now resides. He has since made his home in this neighborhood, his time and attention being devoted to agricultural pursuits. As he had nothing on his arrival here he worked by the month for five years and then commenced farming on his own account upon rented land, being thus engaged during the following four years. His first purchase consisted of a tract of eighty acres, which he operated for five years and then sold, buying two hundred and twenty acres. As time has passed and his financial resources increased, he bought two farms, together consisting of one hundred and seventy-eight acres in 1903 and 1904. In 1909 he sold his two hundred and twenty acre farm and bought other land until he now has five hundred acres in Johnson and Cedar counties, all of which he now operates himself, being engaged in general

farming and stock-raising and making a specialty of high grade stock of all kinds. Upon his land are three sets of good farm buildings, and he has placed the land under a high state of cultivation.

In 1879 Mr. Suchomel was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Zemisek, who was born in Johnson county, this state, on the 21st of December, 1860, but her parents, Albert and Anna (Kodl) Zemisek, were both natives of Bohemia. They came to the United States about 1855 and settled in Johnson county, Iowa, where the father has since died, but the mother is still living and continues to reside there. Mr. and Mrs. Suchomel have six children, all born in Cedar county, namely: Anna, now the wife of Michael Boxa of Cass township; Catharine, the wife of George Chalupsky of Tama county, Iowa; and Amos, Jerry, Frank and Mary, all at home. In the community where they reside they have many warm friends and wherever known are held in the highest esteem.

HON. ALEXANDER MOFFIT.

Hon. Alexander Moffit, who was a member of the sixteenth general assembly and has many years been known as a representative farmer and breeder of thoroughbred Hereford cattle in Cedar county, was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, April 24, 1829. His parents were William and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Moffit, also natives of the Emerald Isle. The former was born June 21, 1779, and the latter on the 12th of November, 1774. They became the parents of ten children, all of whom were born in Ireland and emigrated to America, namely: Andrew, born in 1805, died July 2, 1851; Robert died in Philadelphia, July 10, 1869; Margery, born in 1812, became the wife of William Neely, her death occurring in Tipton, October 22, 1886; William died in Philadelphia, as did Elizabeth Armstrong; Mrs. Lucinda Hardacre, born March 1, 1816, died near Tipton, Iowa, April 1, 1888; Thomas, born November 5, 1821, died near Tipton, January 18, 1867; Francis, born January 21, 1824, died March 16, 1901; Mrs. Margaret Smythe, born October 21, 1826, died March 28, 1904; and Alexander completes the family.

William Moffit, the father, emigrated from Ireland with his wife and five youngest children in 1840, making his way direct to Cedar county, Iowa. They left their home near Ballinamallard near the north line of County Fermanagh on the 1st of April and took passage at Liverpool on a sailing vessel which was six weeks in reaching the harbor of Philadelphia. The elder children had already come to America and some of them were located in that city. The first to leave Ireland was Robert Moffit, who came in 1828. Andrew followed in 1835 and came to Cedar county in 1839. He located the claim that was the family homestead on a creek near the south side of Mason's Grove in Cass township. The land was not then open to entry and in fact was not upon the market until the spring of 1840.

After visiting for a brief time in Philadelphia, the family proceeded to Pittsburg and thence to Muscatine, Iowa. The passengers on the boat brought the news of the election of President Harrison. In those days few newspapers were

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published and communication was by word of mouth from travelers. The Moffit family arrived at Muscatine early in November, where the household goods and the women of the party were loaded in a wagon, while the men walked. They proceeded thus to Cedar county, arriving on the 20th of November. They spent the first night in this county with the family of Henry Buchanan but in a short time were installed in their own little home.

Alexander Moffit lived at home on the farm with his father except in the winter seasons when he would avail himself of the opportunity of attending school anywhere in this part of the state where a school was in session. The first school he attended was in the Smythe neighborhood about two miles southwest of Mount Vernon. In the spring of 1852 with his brother Francis, he started overland for California with five yoke of oxen and a pony. They were four months in making the trip over the plains, the long stretches of hot sand, and through the mountain passes. Because of ill health Francis Moffit returned at the end of a year. Alexander remained in California until 1857, making but one visit home during that time. On the return trip he proceeded by water to the Isthmus of Panama, after crossing which he again boarded a vessel bound for New York.

On the 20th of September, 1859, Mr. Moffit was united in marriage to Miss Martha Jane Poteet, a neighbor's daughter, and as the years passed eleven children were born to them, of whom three died in infancy. The eight that reached adult age are: John T.; Cassius C.; William A.; Albert H.; Edwin B.; Mary L, now Mrs. Ralph M. Reeder; Martha J., now Mrs. C. G. Stookey; and Lulu. All are yet living in Cedar county with the exception of Cassius C., a banker of Brewster, Minnesota. On the 20th of September, 1909, Mr. and Mrs. Moffit celebrated their golden wedding on their farm where they had lived so many years and where their children were born and reared.

For a year after his marriage Alexander Moffit resided near the old homestead and then removed to the farm which he now occupies near the northern part of Linn township, about three and one-half miles south of Mechanicsville. He is the last surviving member of a large pioneer family that from the earliest development of this section of the state has been closely, actively and honorably associated with its growth and improvement.

Mr. Moffit is one of the really old settlers of Cedar county. There are only a few now who are older than he. He is a regular attendant at, and takes an active part in the Cedar County Old Settlers Association. He is a familiar face at all the annual meetings.

Mr. Moffit has often said, in talking with his friends, that it is hard for the young people of today with automobiles, telephones, rural free delivery, steam-heated and gas-lighted farm homes with bathrooms and water pumped throughout the house and barns and all over the farm with power, to understand the changed conditions.

The families in those days, and they were large families, often lived in a cabin that seldom had more than two rooms. These cabins were always built on a creek and near timber. There were no wells or well drilling machinery, no steam wood saws in those days. There were no fences, no roads, no bridges.

Just a vast expanse of prairie with here and there a settler's cabin on the border of the prairie near water and timber.

The only postoffice in Cedar county was at Rochester. This again shows what comes with the time and changed tide. At that time Rochester had ambitions to be a metropolis. It now does not even have a postoffice. In those days mail only came occasionally. Settlers living as far away as Marion often passed the Moffit cabin on foot to get the mail at Rochester for their neighborhood. Letters were luxuries. The postage was twenty-five cents and it had to be paid by the person who received the letter. Twenty-five cents it must be remembered at that time was considerable money. The Moffits lived in Cedar county fifteen years before a railroad touched its border. Land was here in plenty; was everywhere to be had for one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, and few people could raise the one dollar and twenty-five cents.

Now a telegram is received at noon advising as to the Chicago market on hogs. The neighbors are called by telephone; they assemble at the meeting place, the hogs are loaded, hauled to the station, loaded on the cars and delivered at Chicago in the morning at nine dollars and seventy-five cents per hundred weight gross. In those days the hogs were butchered at home, and the dressed hogs hauled by wagon thirty-five miles to Muscatine and then sold at two dollars and fifty cents per hundred weight dressed. The teams then returned the next day loaded with lumber. During the winter season Mr. Moffit frequently made two trips per week to Muscatine, hauling dressed hogs and grain and returning with lumber and provisions. And there are still people complaining about the hard way they have to get along.

During his residence here Alexander Moffit has continuously carried on farming and stock-raising and has extensively engaged in the breeding of thoroughbred stock. His business interests are carefully and systematically conducted, bringing to him a substantial measure of success. He has ever manifested great care in the discharge of public duties, serving as a member of the board of supervisors, and also as a township school officer. Still higher honors, however, were conferred upon him when, in 1875, he was elected to represent his district in the sixteenth general assembly. He has ever been loyal to the confidence and trust reposed in him, whether in business, political or social relations and his upright life commends him to the confidence and good will of all.

JAMES H. RIPLEY.

No history of Tipton would be complete without extended mention of James H. Ripley, who for fifty-six years has here made his home. He has been an interested witness of the growth and development of this part of the state and as far as possible has taken active part in the work of its progress and improvement. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 8, 1831, his parents being Henry and Mary Ripley, natives of Ireland. The former was born April 5, 1789. They were married in Philadelphia on the 13th of April, 1817, and Mrs. Ripley died in that city, March 17, 1833, at the age of thirty-

seven years. A year later Henry Ripley wedded Miss Margaret Swaggart, who died in Hardin county, Iowa. They came to this state in 1854 and in the fall of the same year removed to Hardin county, where Henry Ripley lived on a farm instead of following his trades of a carpenter and millwright, until called to his final rest April 10, 1872. He served his country in the war of 1812 under two enlistments and afterward received two land warrants for his services, one for each enlistment. These he located in Hardin county, Iowa. The children of his first marriage were: Susan H., who died at the age of one year; Sarah R., who became the wife of David Swaggart and died in Hamilton county, Iowa, at the age of eighty-six years; John H., who followed carpentering and died in Eldora, Iowa, in 1908; Susan H., who was only a year old at the time of her death; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Samuel Fraser and died in Ohio; and James H., of this review. The children of the second marriage were: Jacob, who was killed in the Civil war October 4, 1862, when twenty-seven years of age, losing his life at the battle of Corinth; Elias P., of Hamilton county, Iowa; Andrew J., now of California, who enlisted from Hardin county and was wounded at the battle of Red river and left on the field for dead, while twice he fell into the hands of the enemy; Louis L., who was taken ill at Fort Donelson while serving in the Civil war and suffered a relapse at St. Louis, which caused his death; and Mary J., who is living in Eldora, Iowa.

James H. Ripley was nine years of age when his parents removed to Virginia, now West Virginia, settling in the vicinity of Charleston. In 1840 a removal was made to Belmont county, Ohio, where the family home was maintained until 1854, when they came to Tipton, Iowa, where James H. Ripley has resided continuously since. When sixteen years of age he began working at the carpenter's trade with his father, who was a carpenter and millwright, and throughout the entire period of his manhood he has continued in active connection with building pursuits. He worked with his father for one year but not liking the work of a millwright he went to St. Clairsville, Ohio, where he spent four years as a joiner and stairbuilder's apprentice, receiving only his board and clothing in compensation for his services during that time. Since 1854 he has spent most of his time in and around Tipton, although for four years he was at Sioux City, employed in a planing mill, and spent a year and a half in Missouri and Nebraska, where he worked at his trade.

During the Civil war Mr. Ripley enlisted on the 29th of September, 1864, as a member of Company C, Second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Captain W. G. J. Piepgras. He marched with Sherman to the sea, participated in the Carolina campaign and proceeded northward to Washington, where he was present at the time of the grand review. He did not take part therein, however, for he was detailed to look after baggage. At the close of the war he was mustered out on the 1st of June, 1865, and with a creditable military record returned to his home.

On the 10th of November, 1861, Mr. Ripley was married to Miss Lydia Rebecca Johnston, who was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, January 13, 1840, and came to Iowa in 1851 with her mother and family. Four children were born of this marriage: John Charles, who was born October 31, 1862, and died December 22, 1884; William Sherman, who was born July 22, 1864,

and is living in Omaha, Nebraska; Harry Raymond, represented elsewhere in this volume; and James Earl, who was born December 7, 1872, and died December 12, 1884.

In his political views Mr. Ripley has always been a stalwart republican since the organization of the party and served for one term in the city council at Tipton, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity. His fraternal relations are with William Beaver Post, No. 110, G. A. R., and Manitou Lodge, No. 8, I. O. O. F., which he joined June 26, 1856, being now its oldest member. He was also a charter member of Tipton encampment. He is widely known because of his active connection with building operations, although at the present time he is living practically retired, being now in the eightieth year of his age.

ENOCH MAYER.

Enoch Mayer, who has lived retired in Tipton for the past eleven years, was long identified with the agricultural interests of Cedar county and thus won the competence that now enables him to spend his declining years in well earned ease. His birth occurred in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, on the 21st of May, 1831, his parents being John and Katharine (Reed) Mayer, who spent their entire lives in the Keystone state. The father possessed remarkable skill and ingenuity along mechanical lines and worked as a blacksmith, carpenter, wheelwright, millwright, cabinet maker, etc. He also had a wonderfully retentive memory and lived to attain the venerable age of ninety years. Unto him and his wife were born thirteen children, four sons and nine daughters, all of whom are now deceased with the exception of two: Enoch, of this review; and Mrs. Sarah Kline, who is a resident of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania.

Enoch Mayer was reared on the farm where his birth occurred, and as there were no free schools in the locality, his educational opportunities were limited. He attended a German school for a few months and spoke that language almost exclusively during the first twenty-two years of his life, having received only three days' instruction in an English school. He was employed in connection with the public coal works for a period of sixteen years and in 1869 came to Cedar county, Iowa. Here he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, purchasing and locating upon a farm of two hundred acres on section 24, Cass township, eight miles northwest of Tipton. In the cultivation and improvement of that property he was actively and successfully engaged until 1899, since which time he has lived retired in Tipton. He still retains one hundred and sixty acres of his farm, however. He has led the life of a quiet, industrious citizen and well merits the prosperity which has crowned his efforts.

In 1854 Mr. Mayer was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Yoder, who was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, on the 11th of January, 1836. Her parents, Abraham and Katharine (Trautman) Yoder, were likewise natives of Berks county, Pennsylvania, and died in that state. Unto them were born five sons and six daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Mayer became the parents of fourteen children, all of whom were born in Pennsylvania with the exception of the four

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youngest, who were natives of Cedar county, Iowa. The record of the family is as follows: Charles, whose birth occurred October 13, 1854, and who passed away January 26, 1862; Tobias, living in Cass township; Emma Catharine, the wife of William F. Owens, of La Harpe, Kansas; Adam, who was born September 2, 1858, and died on the 10th of October, 1858; Ellen, born December 1, 1859, whose demise occurred on the 16th of December, 1865; Enoch, whose natal day was July 22, 1861, and who passed away December 20, 1865; Elizabeth, the wife of John Staab of Berwyn, Nebraska; Christina, who was born April 5, 1865, and died August 6, 1866; Clara, the wife of William Weaver, of Rock Island, Illinois; Ida, who is the wife of Eugene Kopenhaver, of Cass township; Susan, who gave her hand in marriage to Clinton Corey and resides in Adair county, Iowa; Lena, the wife of William Barbe, of Topeka, Kansas; Alice, the wife of Harry Dodds, of Cass township; and Oscar, who was born December 20, 1877, and passed away December 30, 1877.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Mayer are devoted and consistent members of the Reformed church, having been confirmed in that faith in 1849 and 1856 respectively. They have now traveled life's journey together for fifty-six years, their mutual love and confidence increasing as the years have passed by. Both enjoy excellent health for people of their advanced age and their faculties are largely unimpaired. Mr. Mayer joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in 1863 and is a member of the lodge at Tipton. He and his wife have now resided within the borders of Cedar county for more than four decades and their acquaintance is a very wide and favorable one.

HENRY MOLLER.

Henry Moller, who is now living retired in Bennett, was for many years a successful farmer of Inland township. He was born on the 30th of January, 1846, in Mecklenburg, Germany, and in that country was reared and educated. He served for six years in the German army, participating in the revolution of 1866 and also in the war with France in 1871. Before leaving his native land he was married, on the 12th of December, 1873, to Miss Rebecca Schultz, who was born in Hanover, Germany, November 14, 1849, and they have become the parents of five children, namely: Bertha, now the wife of John Meyer, of Cedar county; Henry, who makes his home in Bennett; William, a farmer of Scott county, Iowa; George, who is living on his father's farm; and Lizzie, at home.

Believing that he could better his financial condition in the new world, Mr. Moller came to the United States in 1884, his destination being Cedar county, Iowa. Arriving here, he found work by the month on a farm in Inland township, where he was employed for four years at two hundred dollars per year. He subsequently rented that farm for several years and then operated a rented farm in Springfield township for five years. Returning to Inland township, he purchased the Lichtenwalter farm, which he had previously rented and for many years engaged in its operation. It consists of one hundred and sixty acres on section 6 and is improved with good and substantial buildings erected by Mr.

Moller, who continued to carry on farming there until 1908, when he retired from active labor and removed to Bennett, having purchased a nice residence in that city.

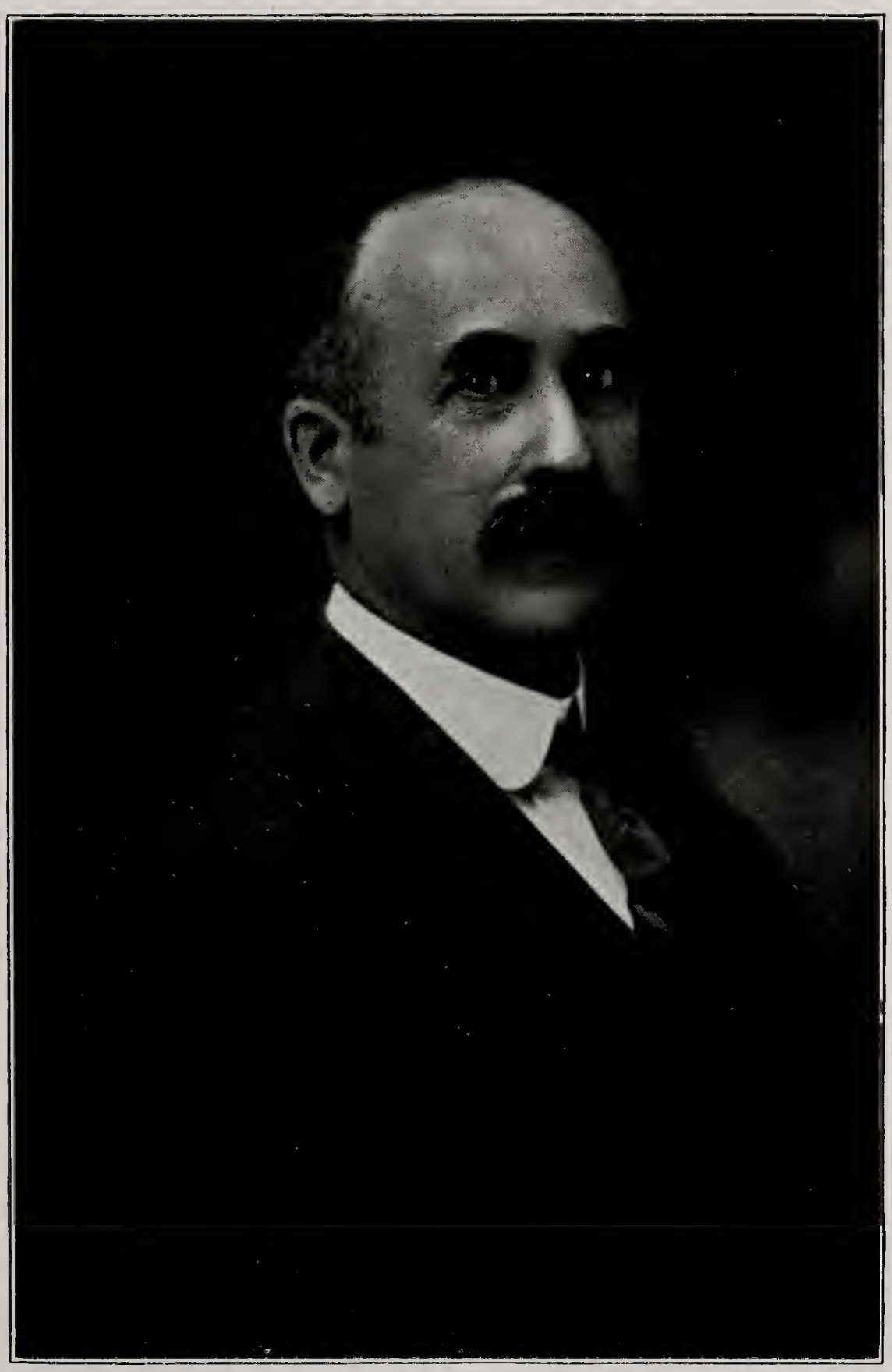
Mr. Moller is a consistent and faithful member of the German Evangelical church of Bennett and fraternally is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Brotherhood of Yeomen at that place. The republican party finds in him a stanch supporter of its principles and for five years he served as road supervisor with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He is a man of good business ability and, having come to this country in limited circumstances, his success is due entirely to his own industry and well directed efforts.

JOHN T. MOFFIT.

John T. Moffit, a member of the Cedar county bar, practicing at Tipton, is one of Cedar county's native sons, his birth having occurred July 8, 1862, upon his father's farm near Mechanicsville. His parents were the Hon. Alexander and Martha J. (Poteet) Moffit, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this volume. He entered the district school and supplemented this by three years' study in the Mechanicsville high school, which he entered in 1876. In September, 1879, he entered as a student the preparatory department of Cornell College, at Mount Vernon, Iowa, graduating from the classical course on the 16th of June, 1884. He was prominent in college literary and athletic circles, holding various offices in the Adelphian Literary Society, and also serving as manager of the college baseball team for two years.

In preparation for the bar Mr. Moffit attended the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and was graduated with the LL. B. degree on the 1st of July, 1886. In June of the following year his alma mater conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree. Following his admission to the bar he entered upon the practice of law in connection with Charles E. Wheeler under the firm style of Wheeler & Moffit, opening an office in Tipton on the 1st of November, 1887. When Judge J. H. Preston resigned his seat on the district bench on the 1st of September, 1894, he became associated with the firm under the style of Preston, Wheeler & Moffit and immediately thereafter they opened an office in Cedar Rapids to be conducted in connection with the one at Tipton. Mr. Wheeler withdrew on the 1st of September, 1897, and the firm continued as Preston & Moffit, Preston, Grimm & Moffit; and Grimm, Trewin & Moffit, until January 1, 1907, since which time Mr. Moffit has practiced alone in Tipton.

Colonel Moffit in 1885 enlisted as a private in the Iowa National Guard and rose successively to orderly sergeant and second lieutenant in 1889, captain in 1890 and major in 1894. He was in his office attending to professional duties on the 25th of April, 1898, when Governor Shaw issued his call for volunteers for the Spanish-American war. At midnight he was awakened from sleep to receive a message directing him to report at Des Moines forthwith to be enrolled. At 9:30 the next morning he reported to the adjutant general, having traveled



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halfway across the state. He was commissioned major of the Fiftieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry on the 26th of April, was mustered into United States service on the 18th of May, and on the 20th of August became lieutenant colonel of the regiment, which was the first to leave the state for the south. He was regularly mustered out with his command on the 30th of November, 1898, and on the following morning was again at work in his office in Tipton.

Colonel Moffit has always given his political allegiance to the republican party, and when but twenty-nine years of age was chosen to represent his district in the republican national convention at Minneapolis in 1892. He was the youngest of the Iowa delegation and one of the youngest of that entire body. He takes an active interest in politics.

In the spring of 1896 Tipton was organized into a city of the second class, Mr. Moffit was elected its first mayor, being nominated entirely without solicitation on his part. In 1904 he was elected a member of the Iowa state senate to serve for four years; was county attorney of Cedar county for four years, 1905-1910. He acted as president of the Republican Club of Cedar county in 1888 and also as chief presiding officer of the McKinley Club of Tipton, in 1896. Colonel Moffit has been a member of the city council; has been a director of the Cedar County State Bank ever since its organization. He was the leading spirit in 1890 in organizing the Tipton Fair Association and was its secretary a number of years. He is a member of the board of trustees of Cornell College, and has been secretary of the law class of 1880, University of Michigan, ever since his graduation. He has for a long time been a member of the Knights of Pythias. He is a Mason and has attained the thirty-second degree in Scottish Rite Masonry, holding membership in Iowa Consistory, No. 2. In strictly professional lines he is a member of the Iowa State Bar Association and of the American Bar Association.

Colonel Moffit was married September 28, 1892, to Miss Winifred E. Hecht, a daughter of Fred and Margaret E. (Bossert) Hecht of Clarence, Iowa. They have one daughter, Margaret Eleanor.

HARRY R. RIPLEY.

Harry R. Ripley, who for twenty years has been connected with the newspapers in Tipton and for nine years closely associated as half-owner and manager of the Advertiser, one of the leading papers of the county, was born in this city, April 28, 1870. He is a son of James H. and Lydia R. (Johnston) Ripley, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this volume. At the usual age he entered the public schools, therein pursuing his studies to the age of fourteen years, when he began working on a farm, devoting his summer months to the labors of the fields and meadows, while in the winter seasons he continued to attend school.

In 1889, however, he permanently put aside his text-books and on the 1st of September entered the office of the Advertiser as "devil." He was with that paper for a year and a half and from 1891 until 1894 with the Tipton Conserva-

tive. He then returned to the Advertiser, with which he was connected until 1900, when he went to Fullerton, Nebraska, with Edwin J. Wolf, another employe in the Advertiser office, and purchased the Fullerton News. The following year Mr. Ripley sold his interest to his partner and returned to Tipton, where he purchased the Cedar County Republican, of which he took charge on the 2d of June, 1901. He changed the paper to a semi-weekly, the first to be published in the county, and conducted it until the 1st of October, 1901, when it was consolidated with the Advertiser, with which he has since been identified as half-owner, publisher and manager. Thus he is now in close connection with the paper on which he received his initial experience and training. Entering a field of labor which he found entirely congenial, he has remained steadfastly therein and has progressed with the advancement of the times, whereby the methods of newspaper publication have been largely revolutionized. The Advertiser attracts many readers by reason of its entertaining discussion of public questions and also as a distributer of news of general interest, and, moreover, the paper is accorded an extensive advertising patronage.

On the 4th of June, 1902, Mr. Ripley was united in marriage to Miss Edith Casad, who was born in Tipton, Iowa, April 21, 1872, and is a daughter of John W. and Ida L. (Gilbert) Casad. Her father is now deceased but her mother is still living in Tipton. They are mentioned elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Ripley is a member of Tipton Chapter, O. E. S.

Mr. Ripley gives unfaltering political allegiance to the republican party and in 1805 was appointed city clerk to fill a vacancy. He was then reelected to the office, which he continued to fill until 1900, when he resigned, retiring from the office as he had entered it, with the confidence and goodwill of all concerned. He holds membership in Cedar Lodge, No. 11, A. F. & A. M.; Siloam Chapter, No. 19, R. A. M.; and Manitou Lodge, No. 8, I. O. O. F. He served seven years as a member of the local militia company, holding the position of orderly sergeant when he was mustered out. He deserves the somewhat hackneyed but altogether expressive title of a self-made man for from the age of fourteen years he has been dependent entirely upon his own efforts, achieving success through the recognition and careful utilization of opportunity.

HARMON P. SECHLER.

Forty-two years have come and gone since Harmon P. Sechler became identified with the farming interests of Cedar county, where he was busily engaged in the cultivation and improvement of a farm of eighty acres in Fairfield township. At the present writing, however, he makes his home in Clarence, where he is now largely living retired. His life record had its beginning in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, on the 15th of May, 1836, so that he has now attained the age of seventy-four years. He was reared on a farm there and had fair common-school advantages. He remained with his father until after he had attained his majority and later was married in his native county on the 15th of February, 1866, to Miss Candace Slenker, also a native of Lycoming county and a daughter

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of Jacob Slenker. Her father was born and reared in Pennsylvania and was there married to Rachel Ranck, who was born in Union county of that state. He followed farming in Lycoming county, however, and spent his last days there. His widow survived him and afterward removed westward to Iowa, settling in Cedar county in 1866. She came with her four sons, Irus, Isaac, Irad and Ira. Mrs. Slenker afterward died in this county, while Irus passed away in Missouri, he and his brother Isaac having removed to Harrisonville, Cass county, that state. Irad also left Cedar county and became a resident of Oklahoma. Ire removed to Missouri.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Sechler resided in Pennsylvania for two years, during which period he cultivated a rented farm. In 1868 they came to Cedar county, Iowa, where they joined her mother and brothers. Mr. Sechler began working here as a farm hand by the month but after a year rented land and thus carried on general agricultural pursuits for a few years, during which period he carefully saved his earnings until he felt that his capital was sufficient to justify him in the purchase of an eighty acre tract of land. This he at once began to cultivate and as the years went by he built thereon a good substantial residence together with a large barn, corn cribs, granary and a hog house. He also fenced his fields and sunk a well to the depth of two hundred and thirty feet, finding an abundance of water. His arduous labors at the time of early spring planting were rewarded in the late autumn by abundant crops, and he also found profit in raising and feeding stock. His efforts in business were at all times attended by success because guided by sound judgment. He continued on the farm until 1900, when he sold the place and removed to Clarence, where he bought a residence and nine lots. Since that time he has lived practically retired and yet indolence and idleness are utterly foreign to his nature so that he frequently engages in work suitable to a man of his years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Sechler are enjoying good health and are of good cheer. Politically he has been a lifelong democrat and while living on the farm served as highway commissioner, also as a member of the school board. He and his wife have guided their lives according to the teachings of the Presbyterian church, in which they have long held membership, being now connected with the church of that denomination at Clarence.

JOHN W. CASAD.

The name of John W. Casad is inseparably interwoven with the history of Tipton, where he long made his home, supporting during that period all the projects and movements which tended to upbuild and benefit the city. Through a half century he witnessed its growth and rejoiced in what was here accomplished. He was born in Logan county, Ohio, September 6, 1830, and was about twenty-six years of age when he arrived in Tipton. He found a small town of little industrial or commercial importance but believed that it might prove an advantageous field of business, for the west had entered upon an era of rapid and substantial growth. He therefore joined William Gilmore in the clothing business

under the firm style of Casad & Gilmore, and from the beginning the new enterprise prospered. These gentlemen were in the same business at Bellefontaine, Ohio, before coming to Iowa. Year by year as the population increased the trade of the house extended, their establishment continuing as one of the foremost mercantile concerns of the city. Mr. Casad remained an active factor in its management and control until 1878, when he withdrew from the firm to enter the field of banking, becoming one of the organizers of the Cedar County Bank. He was elected its vice president and served in that capacity for a year, or until the death of William H. Tuthill, when he was elected to the presidency. He remained as the chief directing force in that institution until 1893, when he resigned, although he continued in the office of director up to the time of his demise. In connection with the management of the bank he instituted a safe, conservative policy that insured its success and in time made it one of the leading financial institutions of this part of the state. His business integrity was unassailable, his honesty above question. Moreover, he possessed unfaltering industry and determination, never fearing to venture where favoring opportunity led the way, while his unremitting energy carried him forward to the goal of success. In the years of his active life he accumulated a goodly fortune and his business interests were at the same time of a character that contributed to public prosperity.

Mr. Casad never sought nor desired public office and aside from a term's service in the city council would never consent to accept official preferment. He was, however, a valiant soldier in the Civil war, responding readily to the country's call for troops when rebellion threatened the destruction of the Union. He enlisted at Burlington, Iowa, on the 15th of July, 1861, as a member of Company A, Fifth Iowa Infantry, and on the 1st of November following was promoted to the rank of first sergeant. He was commissioned second lieutenant December 21, 1861, and his valorous and loyal service led to further promotion when on the 1st of May, 1862, he was commissioned first lieutenant. His regiment was assigned to duty with the Army of the Tennessee, and saw much active service, participating in the expedition to Fort Fisher, the siege of Corinth, the engagements at Holly Springs and Jacinto and the battle of Iuka, where he was severely wounded in the side and left wrist. Because of disability occasioned by his wounds he was honorably discharged February 17, 1863.

Mr. Casad was married June 6, 1871, to Miss Ida L. Gilbert, who was born December 24, 1842, in Irvington, New Jersey, a daughter of Aaron and Abbie (Russell) Gilbert. Her parents were members of the Shaker society at New Lebanon, New York. He was superintendent of the work of gathering herbs and manufacturing medicines there in the early '30s and Miss Russell and other girls assisted him in the work of preparing the herbs. Withdrawing from the Shaker colony, they were married August 6, 1835, and in 1850 came to Tipton. Mr. Gilbert was born in Claverack, New York, April 30, 1802, while his wife was born in Cheshire, Massachusetts, October 2, 1812. She joined the Shakers when nine years of age and he was fifteen when he became a member of that sect. After leaving them he engaged in the sale and manufacture of drugs at New Lebanon, New York, and in New York city, in partnership with Moses Tilden, the father of Samuel J. Tilden. He became a pioneer druggist of Tipton, where

he continued business up to the time of his death, which occurred December 26, 1874. Mrs. Gilbert survived him until February 3, 1896, and died in Chicago. Their daughter, Mrs. Casad, attended Cornell Seminary at Mount Vernon in 1856-57, and the Tipton union school under Professor C. C. Nestlerode. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Casad were born three children. Edith, born April 21, 1872, attended the Tipton school and was graduated from St. Margaret's school in Chicago in 1893. Anthony, born June 8, 1873, died October 15, 1874. John Russell was born April 18, 1879.

Early in life, while a resident of Bellefontaine, Ohio, Mr. Casad became a member of the Christian church and after removing to Tipton was for a number of years a member of the Universalist church. He was long a valued representative of Cedar Lodge, No. 11, A. F. & A. M., having been made a Mason at Bellefontaine, Ohio, in 1852, and demitted to the Tipton Lodge soon after his arrival here. He continued one of its prominent representatives until his death, serving as its secretary during the last twenty-five years of his life. He was also a member of Siloam Chapter, No. 19, R. A. M., and De Molay Commandery, K. T. He likewise held membership in William Beaver Post, No. 110, G. A. R., and with the Loyal Legion. He was a man of broad and liberal views, charitable in his opinions of others, kindly in spirit, progressive in action and loyal in friendship.

FRED WAGNER.

Germany has furnished to the citizenship of Iowa many enterprising and progressive men who have left the fatherland and have sought the new world with its more progressive methods, its livelier competition and advancement more quickly secured. Among this number is Fred Wagner, whose birth occurred in Waldeck, Germany, on the 26th of September, 1859, a son of William and Louise (Stiehl) Wagner. The parents were both natives of the fatherland but the father is now deceased, while the mother still survives and makes her home with her son Fred. By her marriage to William Wagner she became the mother of four children: Fred, of this review; Henry, of Chicago, Illinois; Christ, a resident of Davenport; and Carrie, the wife of George Hamann, of Texas.

Reared to manhood across the water, Fred Wagner attended the common schools of Germany until fourteen years of age, after which he was employed in his native country until twenty-three years of age. Although a poor boy, starting out in the world empty-handed, the strong, rugged and persevering characteristics which were developed in him by his early environment made him seek wider fields of endeavor, and he decided to come to America where he might give full scope to his ambition and industry—his dominant qualities. Accordingly he crossed the Atlantic and after arriving in the United States was employed by the month as a farm hand. The money thus earned was used at first to bring his brother also to this country, after which he paid back the money which he had borrowed to cover his own passage. He was thus employed until 1890 when, desiring that his efforts should more directly benefit himself, he

rented a farm, which he operated for several years. In 1902 he became the owner by purchase of his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres located on section 6, Inland township. When it came into his possession it was a wild, undeveloped tract, but with his characteristic energy and determination he set about its improvement and within a few years' time brought his fields under a high state of cultivation. The well improved farm as it stands today, with its neat, modern residence, its substantial barns and outbuildings, its well kept fences and the atmosphere of prosperity and progress surrounding it all, speaks eloquently of a life of close application, untiring energy and of unfaltering determination to succeed on the part of the owner. He gives his attention to general agricultural pursuits, and the success which has attended his efforts in this direction ranks him among the substantial and representative farmers of Inland township.

It was in 1890 in Cedar county, that Mr. Wagner was united in marriage to Miss Helene Peter, also a native of Waldeck, Germany, and a daughter of William and Elizabeth Peter, who passed their entire lives in that country. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wagner were born seven children, William, Kate, Carrie, Henry, Fred, Helene and Minnie.

The parents hold membership in the Evangelical church of Bennett and are most highly respected and esteemed in the community in which they make their home. In politics Mr. Wagner gives his support to the independent movement, but the honors and emoluments of office have never held attraction for him, preferring as he does to concentrate his energies upon the conduct of his private interests. He has never had occasion to regret his decision to come to America, for he has found the opportunity he sought in the freedom and appreciation of this growing country, and in his record is manifested the truth of the fact that success is ambition's reward.

ALFRED CHRISTIE REEDER.

A member of the Reeder family scarcely needs introduction to those who peruse this volume, so long and prominently have the representatives of the name been connected with the history of Cedar county. During the entire period of their residence here they have stood for progress and improvement, cooperating in many movements for the general good and at the same time winning success in the conduct of growing and important business interests, and Alfred Christie is no exception to the rule.

He was born in Goshen, Clermont county, Ohio, June 14, 1838, and is a son of George and Sophia (Stroup) Reeder, in whose family were seven children, Alfred C. being the youngest. In the paternal line the family is of English lineage and in the maternal line of German descent. The father was born in Virginia but his marriage was celebrated in Ohio, where the family lived for a number of years. The grandmother, Mrs. Rosetta (Wagner) Reeder, was a native of Virginia and during the period of the Revolutionary war she cooked and served a meal to General Lafayette. Her death occurred in Cedar county in 1852, when she had reached the age of ninety-three years, and her remains were in-

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terred in Bethel cemetery. She related many interesting incidents concerning the Revolutionary war and the years which preceded it. In early womanhood she gave her hand in marriage to Jacob Reeder, also a native of Virginia, who died in Ohio in 1845, when ninety-four years of age. He was a slaveholder in his native state, but in 1821 he removed with his family to Ohio and freed his slaves. He continued a resident of that state until his demise, after which his widow came to Cedar county in 1851, her death occurring in 1852. It was in the former year that George and Sophia (Stroup) Reeder arrived in Cedar county, settling in Center township about three miles northwest of Tipton. The old homestead which the father first secured and which he developed and improved is now in possession of his son Alfred and has been owned continuously by the family since 1850.

Afred C. Reeder was a youth of twelve years when the family came to Iowa. He resided with his parents until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when on the 6th of August, 1862, he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting from Tipton as a member of Company C, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Silas Johnson. He served for three years as a corporal and took part in all the engagements of the regiment except that at Jackson, Mississippi, being ill at the time. He received an honorable discharge at the close of the war and with a most creditable military record returned home. Of the four who started the organization of Company C, only Mr. Reeder and George G. Chandler now survive, the others being S. G. Johnson and James Carpenter, who were killed at the battle of Champion Hills. Mr. Reeder still has in his possession all the equipment that belonged to him during his service and also the certificate of membership in the church to which he belonged, presented him by his pastor on leaving for the front.

Mr. Reeder had been reared to the occupation of farming and early became familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, so that after his return from the war he resumed farming and was associated with his brother George W. in the operation of the old homestead for several years. The brother then married and removed to a farm of his own, but Alfred C. Reeder remained upon the homestead and continued its cultivation until he retired to private life in the fall of 1893, removing to Tipton, where he erected his present fine residence. He had one hundred and sixty acres of the old homestead, which he carefully cultivated year after year, gathering therefrom abundant harvests. He still owns that property and he also has two farms in Kossuth county, one of one hundred and sixty acres and the other of one hundred and twenty acres. His land is rich and valuable but does not comprise all of his invested interests. For about thirty years he was engaged in the live-stock business with his brother J. W. Reeder and they became recognized as among the foremost live-stock dealers of this part of the state. Mr. Reeder is one of the directors of the Cedar County State Bank, which he aided in organizing. He is a man of sound business judgment and keen discernment and success has uniformly attended his efforts whether put forth in his own behalf or for the benefit of the community, in the welfare of which he has taken deep and abiding interest.

On the 12th of March, 1874, Mr. Reeder was married to Miss Eva Elizabeth McCune, who was born in Richland county, Ohio, July 22, 1852, and in February, 1863, came to Red Oak township, this county, with her parents, William and Elizabeth (Dorcas) McCune, who were native of Pennsylvania, in which state the father was reared, while the mother spent her girlhood in Maryland. They were married in the Buckeye state and came to Cedar county in 1863, settling upon a farm in Red Oak township, which continued to be their home until their demise. The mother, who was born April 20, 1825, passed away on the 5th of October, 1875. The father, who was born March 21, 1813, died July 25, 1881. In their family were seven children, four daughters and three sons: Bethania became the wife of William Sissler but both are now deceased; Mahala is the wife of Dr. E. T. Rigby, a resident of Davenport; John is living in Chicago; Charles makes his home in Des Moines; Mrs. Reeder is the next of the family; Avery is living in Davenport; and Mrs. Alice Kemp is deceased.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Reeder was blessed with five children but three of the number died in infancy. G. Abraham, born June 24, 1875, resides in New York city, being now national secretary of the Army and Navy Young Men's Christian Association. He was the first Y. M. C. A. secretary to accompany the American fleet. He resided on his father's farm here until he entered college subsequent to his graduation from the Tipton high school in June, 1892. He then became a student in Cornell College at Mount Vernon, Iowa, in the fall of 1893 and was graduated in 1897, completing the classical course. He afterward went to Evanston, Illinois, and entered the Garrett Biblical School, completing a course in 1901 with the degree of S. T. D. He next joined the Methodist Episcopal conference of upper Iowa, but after preaching for one year his health failed and he was taken to the Pacific coast. A year was devoted to rest and recuperation and he then entered the California conference, preaching two years at Colfax, California, and three years in San Francisco in the Hamilton church. Another year was then devoted to rest, during which time he went to the Holy Land and spent six months in the district made sacred as the seat of much new testament history. On his return to America he again resumed the pastorate, and was given an appointment but acceded to the request of the Young Men's Christian Association that he take up his present work, serving as national secretary since November, 1909. He was married in July, 1894, to Miss Mamie Able, of Postville, Iowa. Elizabeth Christie, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reeder, is a graduate of the Tipton high school of the class of 1896. She took up the study of music as well as a collegiate course at Cornell, where she spent five years, and was graduated in 1902. She was married September 8, 1903, to William Dennis, of Marion, Iowa, and they have two children, George Reeder and Margaret Elizabeth.

The Reeder family has always vied with the Rigby family in seeing which would graduate the larger number from Cornell College at Mount Vernon, and on the roll of its alumni appear the names of fourteen Reeders and fifteen Rigbys. Other Reeders, however, attended the college but were unable to complete the course on account of their health. Eighteen out of twenty-two of the Reeder children are graduates of the Tipton high school. These children are of the third

generation in this county, their fathers having been brothers. The farm which the father purchased and developed into the homestead property is now owned by Alfred C. Reeder, who resided thereon until he took up his abode in Tipton, while the other three brothers bought farms adjoining the old homestead. All four of the sons reared their families on those adjoining farms and when they retired to Tipton the three living brothers built their homes together on Seventh street. They are among the best residences of Tipton and their owners are among the most public-spirited and progressive citizens.

Alfred C. Reeder has been a lifelong republican and has served as trustee of Center township for several years. He has also been a director and secretary of the school board of Center township, which position he filled for several years. He has been a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church since 1856 and he has been one of its trustees and class leaders. Mrs. Reeder has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church since 1872. He is connected with the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to William Beaver Post, No. 110, of Tipton; is also a member of the Legion of Honor and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. He is as true and loyal to his country today as when he followed the old flag upon southern battlefields and is recognized throughout the community as a high type of American manhood and chivalry.

ALEXANDER MURRAY.

Alexander Murray, who follows farming on section 9, Red Oak township, comes from across the sea, for he was born in County Down, Ireland, on the 8th of November, 1840, and was five years of age when he came to this country in company with his parents Henry and Jane (Galbraith) Murray, who were also natives of County Down. On reaching the shores of the new world, the family came direct to Cedar county, Iowa, where the father in the course of time acquired an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Fremont township. He was born on the 7th of May, 1808, and died at the home of his son Alexander in 1894, his wife having passed away in this county in 1872. On their emigration to America they were accompanied by his brother Hugh and his wife, who located in Ohio. To Henry and Jane Galbraith Murray were born eleven children, namely: Eliza, now the wife of David L. Davis, of California; William, a farmer of Red Oak township; Jane, who first married William Bandeen and after his death married James Mehan, while for her third husband she married Dr. Bainbridge, a resident of California; Alexander, of this review; Susan, now the widow of John Duncan, a resident of California; Mary, who married James Neff and both are now deceased; Nancy, the wife of William B. Fraseur of California; Henry S., of Atlantic, Iowa; Napoleon B., of Friendville, Nebraska; Thomas, deceased; and Julia Ann, the wife of Samuel Kinney of California.

Alexander Murray spent the first five years of his life in his native land and then with the remainder of his family took passage on the sailing vessel Olive and Eliza, which weighed anchor at Liverpool and arrived in New York six weeks and three days later. Their journey was not ended, however, on reaching

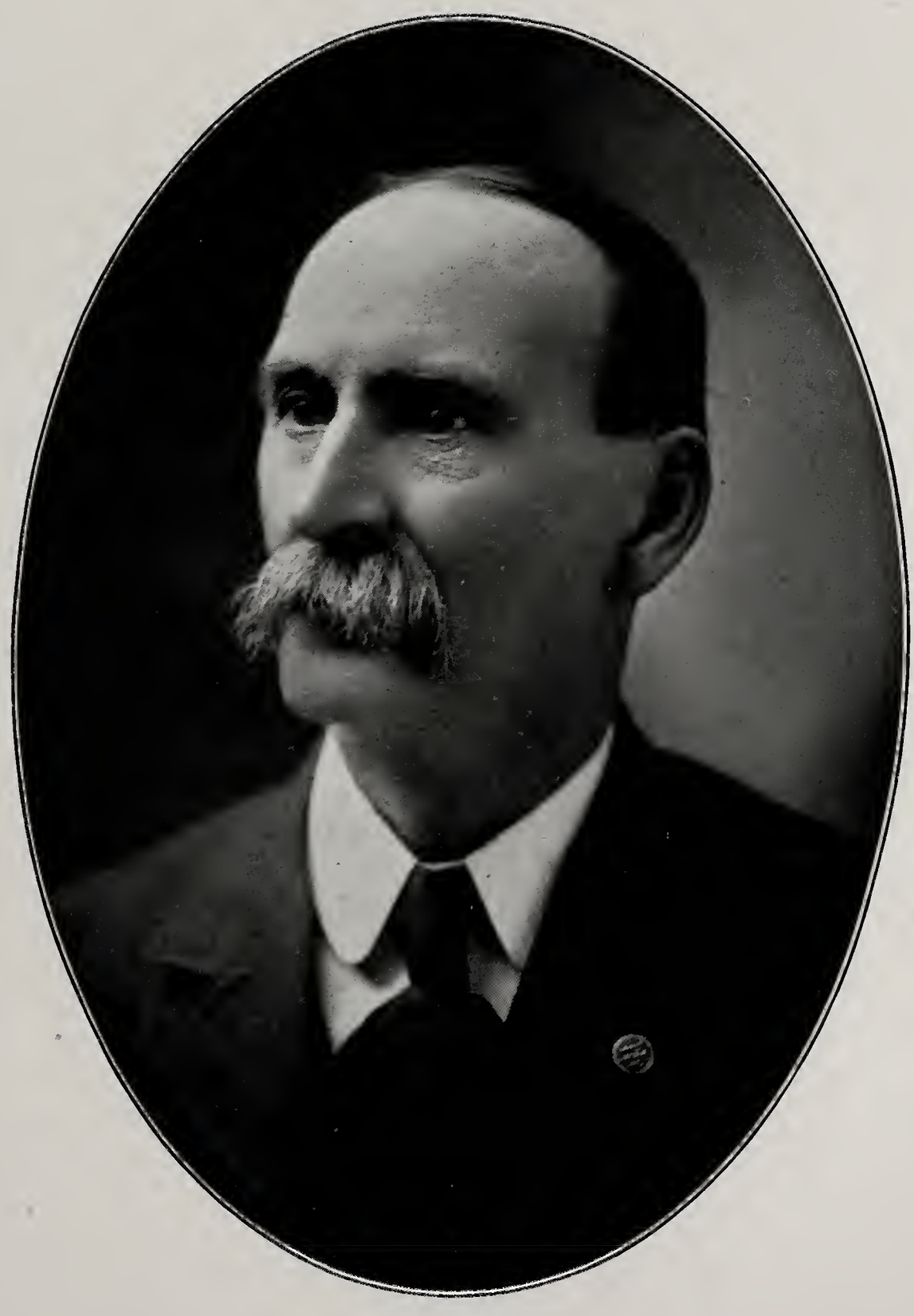
the eastern metropolis, but for several weeks they were on their way to this state, traveling by river and canal and finally landed at Muscatine, Iowa. The first winter was spent in Linn county, two miles west of our subject's present home, but the following spring the father entered eighty acres of land in Red Oak township and here our subject has since resided. He remained under the parental roof until his marriage and then removed to an eighty acre farm on section 5, Red Oak township, that he had previously purchased in the spring of 1869. Today he is the owner of a well improved tract of one hundred and sixty acres on section 8, Red Oak township. At one time he also owned sixty-five acres of timber land, which he has since sold to his son, and still has seven and one-half acres of timber. He has made all of the improvements on his place, as there was not a tree or building standing thereon when he purchased it. His entire time and attention have been devoted to general farming and stock-raising, and he is recognized as one of the leading agriculturists of his community. On the 10th of February, 1900, his residence was destroyed by fire, but he has since erected a more modern and substantial one, having one of the best homes in the neighborhood.

On the 14th of December, 1862, Mr. Murray was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda E. Pierce, whose birth occurred in Richland county, Ohio, on the 12th of November, 1840. She was brought to this county in 1854 by her parents, Aaron and Hannah (Cuning) Pierce, who were born in Pennsylvania and died in this county. To our subject and his wife have been born five children, as follows: Aaron P., of Mechanicsville; William B., of Red Oak township; Siddie M., the wife of George W. Williams of Cass township; and Eliza Jane and Hannah, both at home.

A pioneer of this county, Mr. Murray has witnessed almost its entire growth and development. On his arrival here deer and Indians were still numerous in this locality and most of the land was entirely wild and unimproved. At that time there were no settlers on the prairie, as those who located here preferred to make their homes in the timber. In the work of development he has ever borne his part and as a progressive, public-spirited citizen has exerted his influence for the benefit of his adopted county. For fifty-five years he has now made his home here and his circle of friends is limited only by that of his acquaintances.

HON. L. J. LEECH, M. D.

Ohio has furnished to Iowa many of her valuable and prominent citizens, among whom Dr. L. J. Leech is numbered. He is now following his profession in West Branch, where he is accorded a large practice, and he is also connected with the financial interests of the community as vice president of the Citizens Savings Bank. A man of strong and determined character, he accomplishes what he undertakes, and the community profits in a large measure from his labors and activities.



L. J. LEECH

He was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, August 3, 1846. His parents were Thomas and Ellen (Stratton) Leech, the former a native of York county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Salem, Columbiana county, Ohio. Both came of old Quaker stock and the Leech's were of German descent. John Leech, the great-great-grandfather of the Doctor, came to America in 1726. He was a shoemaker by trade and followed that pursuit in Philadelphia. His son, John Leech, was born in 1759 and became the father of William Leech, who was born in Pennsylvania and removed to Ohio, where he died in 1864. He was the father of Thomas Leech, who was married in Salem, Ohio, to Miss Ellen Stratton, her death occurring in 1850, and Thomas Leech afterward married again. In 1855 he came to Cedar county, Iowa, and spent his last days at the home of his son, Dr. Leech, passing away in 1898, in the eighty-sixth year of his age. He had followed farming throughout his entire life. By his first marriage he had five children: John, a retired farmer, now living in West Branch; Charles, who makes his home at Riverside, California; Deborah J., the wife of Charles E. Smith of West Branch; L. J., of this review; and Ross, who is the editor of the West Branch Times. John, Charles and L. J. Leech and a stepbrother, Jesse James, were all soldiers of the Union army in the Civil war, serving in the same regiment, and all lived to return home.

Dr. Leech spent the first years of his life in the state of his nativity and then accompanied his father to Cedar county, Iowa, the family home being established near Downey in Springdale township. Dr. Leech has continuously resided in the county to the present time and aided in the work of the home farm until the time of his enlistment for active service in the Civil war. It was on the 15th of January, 1864, that he joined Company B, Second Iowa Cavalry, with which he served until the close of hostilities, taking part in all the engagements of the regiment. He was honorably discharged October 9, 1865, in Alabama, and with a creditable military record returned home.

In order to further promote his education, which up to that time had been acquired in the public schools, he entered the academic department of the State University. Later he resumed farming but after a few years he determined to take up the practice of medicine as his life work and to this end entered the medical department of the State University, from which he was graduated in March, 1882. He then began practicing at West Branch, where he has since remained, and a liberal patronage has been accorded him. He was one of the organizers of the Citizens Savings Bank at West Branch and since its inception has been its vice president. He was formerly the owner of a good farm, which he bought in the early days at twenty dollars per acre and which he sold in 1909 for one hundred and twenty-five dollars per acre. His attention, however, has chiefly been given to the practice of medicine, and in this way he has won substantial success and rendered valuable service to his patrons. He is now a member of the County Medical Society, of the Iowa State Medical Society, the Union Medical Society of Cedar Rapids and the National Medical Association, and through the interchange of thought and experience among the members of those organizations he keeps in touch with the advancement of the medical profession. Dr. Leech served as a member of the board of county pension

examiners for eight years during the administrations of Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt.

On the 15th of August, 1868, Dr. Leech was married to Miss Ruth A. Whitacre, who was born in Morrow county, Ohio, and came to Iowa with her parents in 1864. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aquilla Whitacre. She died in 1887, leaving two sons, Oliver J., who died when thirty-four years of age, and Albert M., living in West Branch. Dr. Leech was again married in 1893, his second union being with Miss Lydia Thomas, a native of Belmont county, Ohio, who came to Iowa in 1890.

Dr. Leech is well known through his fraternal relations. He is the commander of Nolan Morrison Post, No. 249, Grand Army of the Republic, of West Branch, and has filled the office for twelve years. He belongs to Wapsinonoc Lodge, No. 381, A. F. & A. M., at West Branch, and to the Royal Arch chapter at West Liberty. He has likewise been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for a quarter of a century and has guided his life in accordance with its teachings. His political support has ever been given to the republican party, and he is recognized as one of its leaders in Cedar county. For twenty years he has served as a member of the city council and has been the advocate of many improvements which have been instituted during that time. He served for three consecutive terms in the state legislature from Cedar county as a member of the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-first general assemblies. His political record is a credit and honor to the district which has honored him, and his political course has at all times been one of signal service and usefulness, being characterized by unfaltering devotion to the public good and actuated by a spirit of fidelity to all that works for practical progress and improvement.

JOHN P. MATHEWS.

John P. Mathews is numbered among the capitalists of Cedar county and he now makes his home in Tipton, where he gives his supervision merely to his invested interests in the control of which, however, he displays marked business ability and enterprise. Cedar county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Center township, about four miles south of Tipton, on the 1st of April, 1842.

His parents were William and Mary (Ford) Mathews, both of whom were natives of Greenbrier county, West Virginia, although the state had not been divided from the Old Dominion at the time they were born. The father's birth occurred September 13, 1808, while the mother was born June 28, 1814. After leaving his native state William Mathews went to Indiana and it was there on the 25th of May, 1834, that he wedded Miss Mary Ford. They began domestic life in the Hoosier state but in June, 1838, came to Iowa, which was still under territorial rule. The work of civilization and development seemed scarcely begun even in the eastern counties and throughout the central and western portions of the state there were large stretches of land that had not as yet been claimed by

the white man and upon which the work of improvement had not been begun. William Mathews secured a tract of timber land and at once began to clear away trees and cultivate the farm. He built there a little log cabin and in the course of time cultivated the fields, transforming the once wild tract into a valuable farm property. His life was ever upright and honorable and in all business transactions he was found thoroughly reliable as well as industrious.

In 1881 William Mathews was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 19th of October of that year at the age of sixty-seven years, three months and twenty-one days. She had been a consistent member of the Protestant Methodist church for more than a quarter of a century. She never murmured when she had to meet the hardships and privations of pioneer life in her early days, joining willingly with her husband in an effort to establish a new home on the frontier. She was always most devoted to her family and was a most loving mother to her children, three of whom survived her. The death of William Mathews occurred April 8, 1904, when he had passed the ninety-sixth milestone on life's journey. He was probably the oldest resident in the county at the time and was also one of the oldest settlers of Iowa, having made his home in Cedar county for sixty-six years. He counted himself an old man when he laid his wife to rest and twenty-three years passed ere he was called to join her beyond the river of death. He enjoyed good health through his later years, so that he kept in active touch with those about him and with their interests and pleasures. He remained for sixty years a devoted member of the Protestant Methodist church and his life was so upright, his manner so kindly and his intentions so honorable that he was beloved by all who knew him. During the last twelve years of his life he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Simmermaker. At his demise one of the local papers said: "Always patient and kind, he has shown in the home the beauty of a green old age which is like the mellowness of an autumn day. Now that his sun is set, his friends linger on in the beautiful twilight of the memory of what he was and how he lived." The children of the family were: Alexander, who died in childhood; Jane, the deceased wife of Charles Millhouse; John P.; Nancy, the wife of George Simmermaker of Center township; Eliza, deceased, and Frank, who died in 1908, leaving a son William.

John P. Mathews was born and reared upon the old homestead and there lived until his removal to Tipton about 1903, at which time he bought his present fine home on the boulevard. For many years, however, he was identified with general agricultural interests and is now the owner of five hundred and twenty acres of valuable and well improved land in Center township which comprises the old homestead and the addition which he made thereto. He also owns one hundred and sixty acres constituting an excellent farm one mile southwest of Tipton and a half section of land in Spink county, South Dakota. He has been a director of the City National Bank for the past eight years and is one of its large stockholders.

On the 12th of January, 1871, Mr. Mathews was united in marriage to Miss Maria Ingman, who was born in Ohio, November 3, 1845, and when a little maiden of eight years was brought to Cedar county by her parents, George P. and Martha (Johns) Ingman. Her father was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, May 17, 1815, and at an early age became connected with the dry-goods business.

He dated his residence in Cedar county, Iowa, from 1855 and became prominent in community affairs, serving as clerk of the courts for one term and as county treasurer for three terms. In the fall of 1870 he went to Villisca, where he carried on the dry-goods business until 1877. He afterward served for two terms as county supervisor, discharging his duties in such a prompt and capable manner that his service was altogether satisfactory to his constituents and to the general public. For sixty-six years he was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church and from 1848 was an exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity. In 1838, in Kenton, Ohio, he wedded Miss Martha Johns, and unto them were born five children. The wife and mother died in 1852 and in 1854 Mr. Ingman wedded Miss Harriet Farnam in Akron, Ohio, who passed away in 1878. The following year he married Miss Harriet J. Wheeler of Patoka, Illinois, who survives him. The death of Mr. Ingman occurred July 14, 1894, when he was seventy-nine years of age. He was a man of fine mental ability, of marked literary tastes, and possessed of considerable artistic talent as displayed in oil paintings.

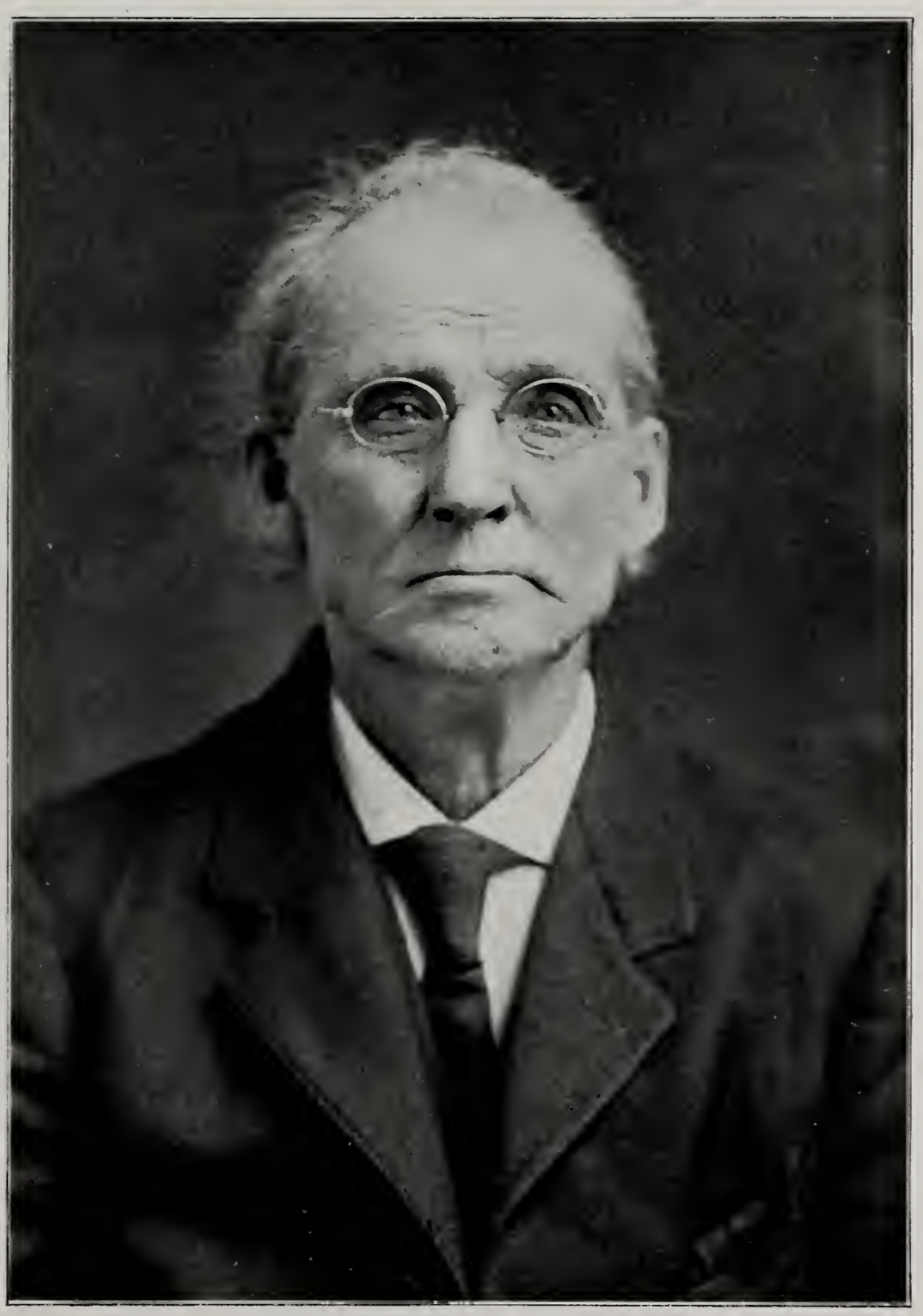
Unto Mr. and Mrs. Mathews have been born four children: Martha is at home, Hulda is the wife of John Holton, Jr., who resides four miles south of Tipton, and they have two children, Dorothy Louise and Roger Mathews. Lewis W., who was educated in the Tipton schools and a commercial college at Cedar Rapids, was employed in the City National Bank of Tipton for two years and is now operating the home farm. Mary died in childhood.

Mr. Mathews has led the life of a quiet, industrious farmer and with the passing years success has crowned his efforts and rewarded his labors until he is now numbered among the prosperous citizens of the community and honored by all for the straightforward methods by which his success has been won.

CHARLES CRAWFORD.

Cedar county has no more honored pioneer than Charles Crawford, who has made his home here continuously since the 11th of June, 1836, and is today the oldest living settler within its borders. He was born near Fort Wayne, Indiana, on the 11th of April, 1836, and is a son of Andrew and Maria (Krofft) Crawford. The father was a representative of a good old Scotch family, being connected with Sir William Wallace, as the latter's mother was a Crawford. Our subject's paternal grandfather was James Crawford, who for many years made his home in the north of Ireland but came to this country with his wife and six children at an early day. He had two daughters and four sons, the latter being Hugh, Christopher, Robert and Andrew.

Andrew Crawford, of this family, was born in the north of Ireland in 1795 and was only ten years of age on the arrival of the family in New York. They first settled near Schenectady, where he made his home until reaching manhood and where he was married. He then removed to the western part of New York state and continued to reside there for some years. During the war of 1812 he joined a New York regiment and was stationed at Sacket Harbor for three



CHARLES CRAWFORD

months. Later he removed to Michigan and settled on an island in the Detroit river, where he engaged in farming on shares for Captain Brooks for three years. At the end of that time he removed to Indiana, owing to differences with the Canadians, who found out that he had fought in the war of 1812. He had been very successful in his farming operations upon that island and had given considerable attention to the raising of fine cattle in partnership with Captain Brooks. He subsequently owned and operated a farm near Fort Wayne, Indiana, and continued to reside thereon until his removal to this state. It was in May, 1836, only one month after the birth of our subject, that the father came to Iowa in search of a location, and in June the mother with her children followed, arriving on the 11th of that month, carrying her son Charles on her lap most of the way and traveling in a wagon drawn by a team of oxen. They crossed the Mississippi at Rockingham, Scott county, where a ferry was then run, and after spending a few days at that place proceeded on their way to Cedar county. The father first secured a tract of land on Sugar creek, his quarter section adjoining the borders of the town of Centerville, which was finally abandoned owing to the lack of water, and upon his farm he erected a cabin. The land had not at that time been placed upon the market and was not for sale until 1841. As Centerville did not prosper, he decided to abandon that claim and removed to another quarter section of land on Sugar creek, mostly covered with timber, and there he continued to make his home until called to his final rest March 13, 1857, when sixty-two years of age. He came to this region with the permission of the Indians, who at that time were beginning to move farther west, and at one time he employed a young chief to guide him while looking over the country in search of a location. They went as far as the Iowa river and found a good place, but finally returned to Sugar creek as the Indians preferred to have him locate there. He was undoubtedly the first settler of Cedar county, but a few days after his arrival James Burnsides located on an adjoining tract of land and was soon followed by Robert G. Roberts, who left his team with Mr. Crawford while he went in search of a location. During his first year here Mr. Crawford planted one acre in corn and a half acre in potatoes, while in the spring of 1836 he raised some turnips and broke four acres of land for wheat the next year. In 1837 he harvested forty bushels to the acre of wheat and all his crops proved equally good. In the winter of 1837, which was particularly severe, the provisions of the family became scarce and the father was obliged to go to Rockingham for supplies. On his return he was caught in a blizzard and walked about twenty-four hours before he finally reached shelter and food. He had both feet badly frozen and had to have his toes amputated, leaving him a cripple for the remainder of his life. He was a man of great vitality, however, and he materially aided in the development and improvement of this section of the state. There are today a number of relics in the museum of the State University which were brought to Iowa by him. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Maria Krofft, was a native of Connecticut and from that state removed to Cooperstown, New York, with her parents at an early day. There she grew to womanhood and was married. Her death occurred on Sugar creek in Center township, this county, in December, 1873. Our subject is today the only member of the family now living.

Reared upon the frontier, Charles Crawford early became familiar with all the privations and hardships which fall to the lot of the pioneer. As he became old enough he materially assisted in the early development of this region and ever bore his part in the work of progress and advancement. His education was obtained in the pioneer schools and the work of breaking the land and cultivating the fields was an arduous one at that time. His entire life has been devoted to farming and for the past ten years he has lived on his present place, a tract of one hundred and fifty-two acres on section 25, Rochester township.

In 1858 Mr. Crawford married Miss Phoebe Whitmore, a native of Ohio, who came to this state in 1848 in company with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Whitmore. She died here November 8, 1884, at the age of forty-two years. Of the children born to them George is now a resident of Woodbury county, Iowa; Frances is the wife of George A. Moomaw, of Seattle, Washington; Douglas died when young; William, who was a school teacher, is also deceased; John, a teacher and attorney, went to Oklahoma when the strip was opened and was drowned there in the Vertegris river; Catharine is now the wife of Marion Campbell, of Muscatine, Iowa; Lucy is the wife of Frank Kensinger, of Tipton; Peter is at home with his father; Lillie is deceased; Laura is the wife of Arthur Smith, living in Minnesota; Charles is deceased; and Mary completes the family.

Mr. Crawford has been identified with many enterprises which have proved of public benefit, being one of the organizers and first trustees of the White Pigeon Mutual Fire Insurance Company, with which he has since been identified; it being a fire insurance for farmers only. Politically he is a populist but lately voted with the progressive republicans, and he has been honored with various township offices, the duties of which he has most capably discharged. For twenty-two years he was a member of the Church of God, but is now connected with the Freewill Baptist church. He well remembers when this region was a vast wilderness, when Indians were far more numerous than white settlers and when wild game could be found in abundance, and he certainly deserves prominent mention among the honored pioneers and worthy residents of Cedar county.

FRANCIS L. SHELDON.

Francis L. Sheldon, one of the county supervisors, a veteran of the Civil war and formerly one of the enterprising farmers of Cedar county but now living retired, was born in Van Buren county, Michigan, July 2, 1843. His parents, Charles P. and Laura E. (Mantle) Sheldon, were natives of Watertown, Jefferson county, New York. The former was of Scotch parentage, while the maternal grandfather of Francis L. Sheldon was of English and the grandmother of German birth. His parents were married in the Empire state and in 1840 removed to Michigan, where Charles P. Sheldon entered land and developed a farm, but in 1855 he came to Cedar county, Iowa, where he made his home until his death in 1880. His wife had passed away in Tipton in 1876. In his farm work Mr. Sheldon was quite successful, his untiring diligence and energy bringing him a substantial measure of prosperity. His early political allegiance was

given to the whig party, but he afterward became a stanch advocate of republican principles. He held all of the township offices and was also county supervisor for three terms. He was likewise officially connected with the schools, and he did all in his power to further the best interests of the community along political and other lines. His family numbered seven children, of whom Francis L. is the eldest. Edmond, the second son, died in July, 1866, from disease contracted in the army. He was a member of Company C, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, enlisting as a recruit in the last year of the war. Albert is living in Kansas. Caroline is deceased. Jennie is the wife of M. A. Parsons of Tipton. Dolly is the deceased wife of M. H. Miller, who is represented elsewhere in this volume. Mary is the wife of Emory Collins of Tipton.

Francis L. Sheldon spent the first twelve years of his life with his parents upon the home farm in Van Buren county, Michigan, and then accompanied them on their removal to Cedar county, Iowa, in 1855. They took up their abode five miles east of Tipton, in Center township, and Mr. Sheldon of this review assisted in the cultivation and improvement of the home farm until 1868. The following year he was married and began farming on his own account in Fairfield township on a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of land, which constituted the southwest quarter of section 36. There he remained until 1881, when he sold out and bought the old homestead of two hundred and forty acres, making it his place of residence until 1909, when he put aside the more active work of the farm and removed to Tipton, where he is now pleasantly located. He has been a lifelong farmer and retains eighty-five acres of the old homestead property.

He put aside all business and personal considerations, however, during the Civil war and enlisted at Tipton on the 8th of August, 1862, as a member of Company C, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three years, or until after the close of the war, being mustered out at Davenport on the 6th of August, 1865. He was holding the rank of sergeant when discharged. He took part in all of the engagements with his company except the fight at Cedar Creek. He was wounded in the siege of Vicksburg and also at Winchester, Virginia, sustaining gunshot wounds at both places, being shot through both legs at Vicksburg and in one leg at Winchester. These were flesh wounds and, although quite painful at the time, did not prove particularly serious, as he was able to rejoin his regiment after four months. He took part in the battles of Port Gibson, Vicksburg, Champion's Hill, Sabina Crossroads and others of lesser importance. He never faltered in the performance of any duty, whether stationed on a lonely picket line or called to the firing line.

On the 9th of April, 1868, Mr. Sheldon was united in marriage to Miss Laura E. Brown, who was born in Cedar county, Iowa, February 14, 1846, and is a daughter of H. D. and Emeline (Patterson) Brown. Her father was a native of Kentucky and came to Iowa in 1836. Here he was married and spent his remaining days, his death occurring in Tipton.

Mr. Sheldon is taking a very prominent and active part in public affairs and is recognized as one of the leaders of the republican party in Cedar county, having given stalwart support to its principles since attaining his majority. He is now serving for the sixth consecutive year as county supervisor, having been elected to the office for two terms. The county is divided into five districts, Mr

Sheldon being the representative from the second district. He also held many township offices in Center and Fairfield townships, occupying the position of trustee or clerk almost continuously in Fairfield township. He was likewise school director for about thirty years in the two townships. For forty-two years he has been a devoted and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and for four decades of that time has served as church steward. He holds membership in William Beaver Post, No. 110, G. A. R., of Tipton, with which he has been identified since its organization. His loyalty to any cause which he espouses is a recognized factor in his career. In business he has ever been found diligent and reliable, and in citizenship public-spirited and progressive, and his many substantial qualities have gained him the high regard of all who know him.

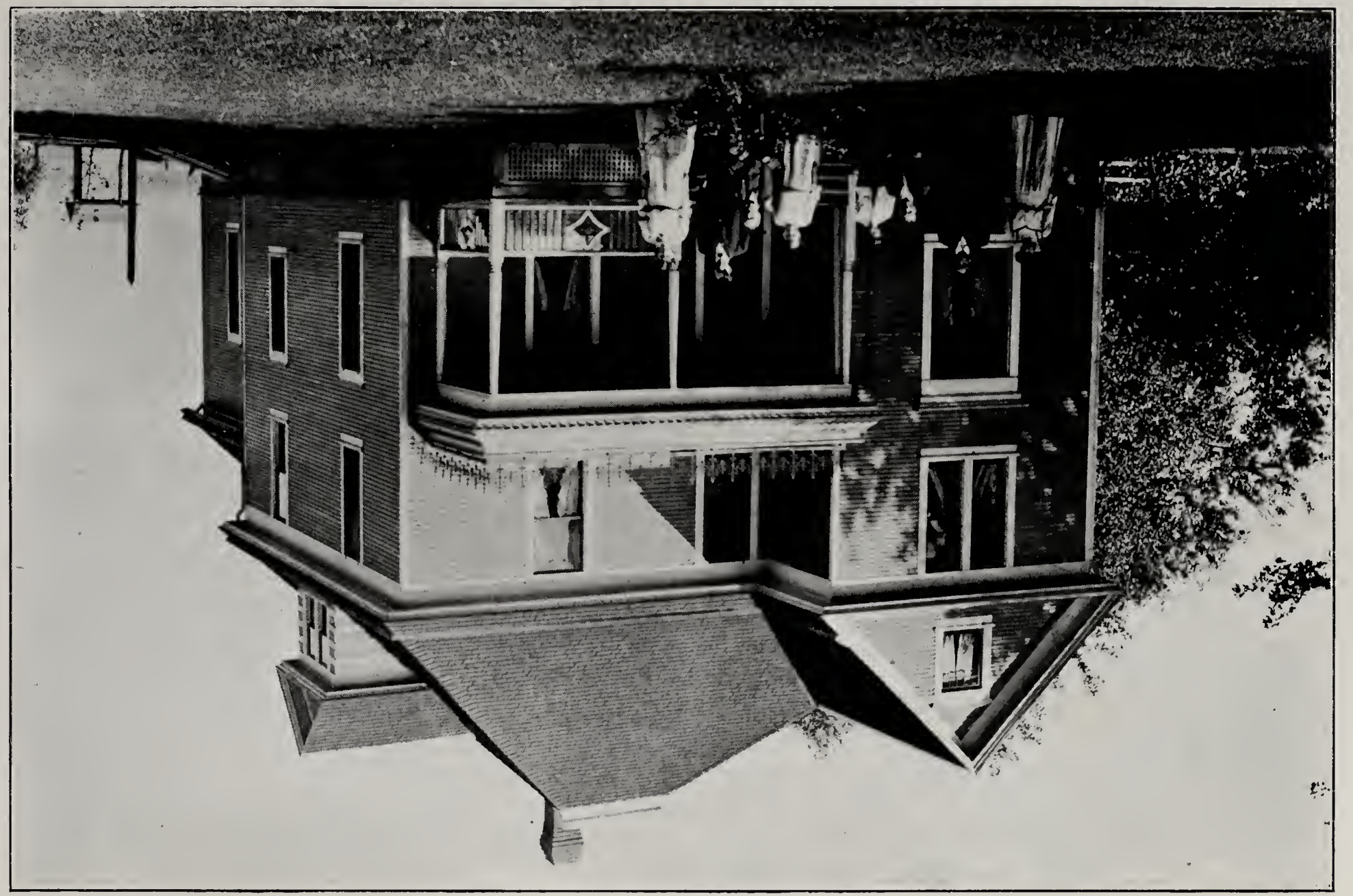
WILLIAM BARTSCHER.

William Bartscher is numbered among the prominent and prosperous agriculturists of Farmington township, where he owns four hundred and eighty acres of rich and arable land. His birth occurred in Waldeck, Germany, on the 6th of October, 1845, his parents being Henry and Catherine Bartscher, who spent their entire lives in that country. He obtained his education in the schools of the fatherland and there remained until a youth of sixteen, crossing the Atlantic to the United States in 1861. He made his way direct to Scott county, Iowa, where he continued his studies for three months and then began working as a farm hand, being thus busily engaged for about ten years.

In 1871 Mr. Bartscher came to Cedar county, first purchasing and locating upon a tract of eighty acres in Farmington township. As his financial resources increased, owing to his unremitting industry and good management, he bought more land from time to time until his holdings in Farmington township now embrace four hundred and eighty acres. The property is all under a high state of cultivation and improvement, and on his home farm Mr. Bartscher has erected an attractive and up-to-date residence, a fine barn and all necessary outbuildings. Here he follows general farming and has also engaged in the raising of stock to some extent. Thrifty and intelligent, unsparing of hard work when necessary, he has found that good harvests have made a rich return for his toil and that his cattle are readily disposed of, thus netting him a substantial income.

Mr. Bartscher has been married twice. In 1876 he wedded Miss Rica Kronberg, by whom he had three children, namely: Henry; William; and Amelia, the wife of Theodore Korthaus, of Bennett, Iowa. The mother was called to her final rest in 1886 and on the 21st of May of the following year Mr. Bartscher was again married, his second union being with Miss Dora Stuehm, a daughter of Fred and Sophia (Thode) Stuehm, both of whom passed away in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Bartscher now have four children, as follows: Alma, who is the wife of William Rohse, of Farmington township; and Theresa, Hugo and Cora, all at home.

RESIDENCE AND FAMILY OF WILLIAM BARTSCHER



In politics Mr. Bartscher is a democrat, exercising his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of that party. He has served as a school director but has had neither time nor inclination to participate actively in political affairs. He and his family belong to the German Lutheran church and are deeply interested in its work. The period of his residence in this part of the state covers practically a half century and he is widely and favorably known here, the circle of his friends being almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

JEROME HART.

The world has ever been charmed with the story of military prowess and individual valor and as long as memory remains to the American people they will hold in grateful remembrance the soldiers of the Civil war who were the defense of the Union in the dark hours in the history of the country. Among this number was Jerome Hart, who is now living retired in Stanwood. He is numbered among the early settlers of Cedar county, dating his residence here from 1860, so that for half a century he has witnessed the transformation of this section of the state.

Mr. Hart is a native of Erie, Pennsylvania, his birth having there occurred November 8, 1832. His father, Ithel D. Hart, was a native of Massachusetts and was married in the state of New York to Miss Emeline Lewis. Subsequently he took up his abode in Buffalo, New York, and in 1835 became a resident of Branch county, Michigan, where he opened up a new farm, continuing its cultivation until his death, which occurred in 1849.

Jerome Hart, then a lad of seventeen years, remained with his mother until twenty-five years of age and carried on the farm work for her. He also worked out by the month as a farm hand and contributed to the support of the family, which numbered five sons and three daughters. He came west with his mother to Illinois in 1852, settling in La Salle county, where he purchased an eighty acre tract of land on which slight improvements had been made. There he carried on farming for eight years, at the end of which time he sold that property and came to Cedar county, Iowa. During the period of the Civil war, however, he put aside all business and personal considerations and responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting on the 6th of August, 1862, at Tipton, as a member of Company B, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. With that command he went to the front and was first under fire at Port Gibson, Mississippi, while later he participated in the hotly contested battle of Champion's Hill. He was also in the engagements of Black River Bridge and Vicksburg, being stationed at the latter place for forty-seven days and nights in besieging the city, which he assisted in capturing. Later he took part in the battle of Jackson, subsequently returned to Vicksburg and was afterward sent down the river to New Orleans. He also went with General Banks on the expedition up the Red river, in which connection he participated in numerous battles and skirmishes. The troops then returned to New Orleans and spent the winter at Madisonville,

Louisiana, and afterward again went to New Orleans. Mr. Hart again went up the Red river under General Banks and later participated in the battles of Sabine River and Pleasant Hill. He next went down the river to Alexandria, where the troops went into camp and subsequently proceeded to New Orleans, where they went on ship board, sailing from the Crescent City to Fortress Monroe, Virginia, whence they were sent to Washington, D. C., and on to Harpers Ferry. From that point they joined Sheridan's forces and participated in the battle of Winchester, later were at Fishers Hill and subsequently in the battle of Cedar Creek. Sent to Baltimore, Mr. Hart there took ship for Savannah, Georgia, where his command joined Sherman's army. They next proceeded to Morehead City, North Carolina, and on to Goldsboro and were with Sherman when General Johnston surrendered near Raleigh. They then returned to Morehead City, where they took ship for Savannah, Georgia, and then marched up the Savannah river one hundred and fifty miles. Crossing the river, they went into camp at Hamburg, South Carolina, where they spent ten days, and then marched to Augusta, Georgia. Mr. Hart assisted in guarding the arsenal at that point about six weeks and then returned to Savannah, Georgia, where he was mustered out July 17, 1865. From there he proceeded by boat to Baltimore and by train to Davenport, where he was discharged on the 6th of August, 1865, with the rank of sergeant. This brief account to those familiar with the history of the Civil war indicates something of the nature of his arduous services. He met with all of the hardships and privations meted out to the soldiers who took part in active warfare. Well may he be proud of the record which he made as he followed the stars and stripes upon southern battlefields.

Mr. Hart had been married in Tipton, Iowa, on the 30th of January, 1859, to Miss Cordelia Rickard, a native of Massachusetts, who was reared, however, in Cedar county, Iowa. After the war he joined his family and purchased an eighty acre tract of land near Stanwood. This he at once broke and with characteristic energy began developing his farm which in due course of time was transformed into productive fields. Later he bought eighty acres more adjoining and had altogether one hundred and sixty acres, on which he erected good buildings. Mr. Hart farmed this place for a number of years, or until 1892, when he rented his land and removed to Stanwood, where he has since lived practically retired. He continued to own the farm, however, until 1894, when he sold out. He was also one of the promoters and stockholders of the Stanwood Bank, has built five residences in the town and still owns two. He bought over five acres of land here, which he has laid out in lots and streets, and the district is now covered with good residences. Thus his efforts have been of value in promoting the wellfare of the community as well as in advancing his individual success.

In 1901 Mr. Hart was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died in October of that year. The news of her demise was received with sadness by many friends, for she was held in high regard by all who knew her. There were four children of that marriage who are still living: Ellis, a business man of Chicago; Janette, the wife of Frank Miller of Portland, Oregon; Zora, the wife of R. A. Claney, who is employed on the Northwestern Railroad at Clinton, Iowa:

and Tillie, the wife of F. E. Clark, cashier for the Gas & Electric Light Company of Clinton, Iowa. They also lost a son, Fred, at the age of two years.

On the 5th of November, 1902, in Galesburg, Illinois, Mr. Hart was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Katie Rummel, a widow, who was born in Vermont but was reared in Illinois. By a former marriage she had one son, Dallas Rummel, now a resident of Chicago.

Mr. Hart attends the Methodist Episcopal church and fraternally is a Mason, holding membership with the lodge in Mechanicsville. He also belongs to the Grand Army Post and has been commander for a number of years. In politics he has been a republican since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln while serving in the army in 1864. He filled the office of township trustee for fifteen years and was also officially identified with the schools. He has been a delegate to state and county conventions and at all times, whether along political lines or otherwise, supports those measures and movements which he deems of practical benefit to the community in advancing the best interests of citizenship. He is one of the well known early settlers of Cedar county and is numbered among those who sacrificed personal interests to aid in the defense of the Union, leaving his family that he might do his duty by his country. He participated in many important battles and no one more heartily rejoiced when it was known that the old flag floated over the capital of the Confederacy. His has been a useful and well spent life and for many years he has been closely associated with the growth and development of Cedar county. For a number of years he has lived practically retired and he and his wife are now pleasantly situated in Stanwood in a home where refinement and hospitality are the crowning features.

FRANK J. McCLELLAN.

Frank J. McClellan, residing on section 30, Dayton township, was born in Springfield township, this county, on the 6th of June, 1878, and is a son of John McClellan. At the usual age he entered the public schools, and, after pursuing his studies therein until he had mastered the common branches of learning, he entered the high school of Clarence and afterward spent two winters in the Mount Vernon Academy. He remained with his father on the home place after he attained his majority and assisted in operating the farm in connection with his brother W. H. McClellan. He was early trained to the work of the fields and his practical experience well qualified him for the successful management of his interests when he started out in life for himself.

On the 9th of December, 1903, in Center township, Mr. McClellan was married to Miss Mamie Gaige, who was born in Davenport, Scott county, and was reared in Tipton. In the schools of the latter place she pursued her education until graduated from the high school. She is an adopted daughter of Robert Gaige.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. McClellan located on the farm where they now reside, Mr. McClellan taking charge of the place. He has made great improvements, keeping up all the repair work, building a new barn for the stock

and also a hay barn and hog house. He has fenced and cross-fenced his land with woven wire, has put in about five hundred rods of tiling and has carried on his work along the most modern and progressive lines, his labors resulting beneficially, as evidenced in the excellent appearance of the place and in the success which has attended his efforts. In connection with the cultivation of the fields he raises and feeds stock, shipping about a carload of cattle and a large number of hogs each year. He also buys, raises and feeds horses, this being one of the important branches of his business. He is a successful farmer and stock-feeder and is well known as a breeder and dealer in pure blooded shorthorn cattle. He now has a herd of twenty thoroughbred and high grade cows with a pure blooded registered male of Scotch stock at the head of his herd. The appearance of his horses and cattle cannot but delight the lover of fine stock and in this connection Mr. McClellan has done much to advance the grade of stock raised in the county.

In his political views Mr. McClellan is a republican, voting with the party on national questions, while at local elections he casts an independent ballot. He and his wife are members of the Stanwood Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has served as an official and in the faith of that church they are rearing their two children, Robert John and Ward Everett. Mr. McClellan is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Tipton Lodge, and his wife is connected with the Daughters of Rebekah. He is also a Modern Woodman and in his life exemplifies the beneficent teachings of these orders. Having spent his entire life in this county, Mr. McClellan is widely acquainted and as a citizen and business man displays many sterling qualities.

JOHN PEARSON.

The financial interests of Cedar county find a worthy representative in John Pearson. Alert, enterprising and progressive, his energy and diligence have enabled him to accomplish what he has undertaken and in both agricultural lines and in financial circles he has made a most creditable record. He is now closely associated with banking interests, having for the past five years served as president of the West Branch State Bank. He thus continues in active touch with the business world, although he has passed the eighty-fourth milestone on life's journey.

Mr. Pearson was born in Miami county, Ohio, December 8, 1825, and there made his home until March, 1857, devoting his life to the occupation of farming. His father, John Furnace Pearson, was a native of South Carolina and became a resident of Ohio in 1805 or 1806, only two or three years after the admission of the state into the Union. He married Miss Mary Pegg, who was a native of North Carolina and accompanied her parents on their removal to Indiana, the family home being established about fourteen miles north of Richmond. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson were married in Indiana, after which they took up their abode in Ohio, where they spent their remaining days, living upon the farm which was the birthplace of their son John. The father was the owner

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of ninety-five acres of land and to the development and improvement of his property he devoted his energies. In the family were six children: Benjamin, deceased; Margaret, who has also passed away; Mrs. Esther P. Steddon, of Lebanon, Ohio; John, of this review; Joseph, deceased; and Mrs. Mary Mendenhall Greenlee, who died January 27, 1909, on the old home place, where she spent her entire life. The eldest son, Benjamin Pearson, came to Iowa in 1854 and continued to reside here until called to his final home. He lived in Tama county for a number of years and in 1867 took up his abode in Cedar county, where he lived until his death in 1886.

No event of any particular importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for John Pearson in the days of his boyhood and youth. He worked in the fields from the time of the early spring planting until the crops were harvested in the late autumn and continued to live in Ohio until more than thirty years of age, when he determined to try his fortune in Iowa. On the 14th of March, 1857, he crossed the Mississippi river with his wife and four children. They traveled by steam cars to Cincinnati and thence by boat to St. Louis. As the Mississippi river was then full of floating ice, they had to proceed by rail to Rock Island, at which point they crossed the river bridge, although people were still driving across the ice. They located at Springdale and Mr. Pearson has since resided within a mile of his first home. For ten years he lived upon a farm a mile north of Springdale in Gower township, and then crossed the road into Springdale township, where he made his home upon a farm until 1892. He has since lived in the village of Springdale and has practically retired from business life. He was, however, interested in general agricultural pursuits for many years and was the owner of two hundred acres of valuable land, which he successfully cultivated. Care and judgment were exercised in planting his crops and managing his property, and thus as the years passed on he accumulated a comfortable competence. He is now the president of the West Branch State Bank, with which he has been connected since the second year of its organization, a which time he was elected a director. Soon afterward he was chosen vice president of the institution and for the past five years has been its president.

On the 23d of September, 1847, at Raysville, Indiana, Mr. Pearson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ray Miller, who was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, April 20, 1821, and resided there until twenty years of age. At that time she went to Indiana. She had lost both of her parents before she was thirteen years of age and went to Indiana to live with an uncle, with whom she resided for a number of years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Pearson were born five children: Mrs. Louisa Jane Lindley, who spent her married life in California but died in Cedar county, Iowa, in 1894; Albannus, who is living in Springdale township; Alvira, who died in 1892 after devoting her life to the care of her parents in their advanced years; Linneus, who died in 1858; and Horace Greely, who passed away in September, 1910, at Baker City, Oregon.

The Pearson family were originally supporters of the old Whig party and John Pearson of this review has been a republican since the days of Fremont. He well remembers John Brown, the abolitionist leader, whom he entertained in his home a number of times and who drilled a company of men in this vicinity.

Mr. Pearson represented Gower township on the board of supervisors for a time and has always been progressive in matters of citizenship. His first presidential vote was cast in 1848 for Zachary Taylor, and he has never missed an election since that time. He is a birthright member of the Society of Friends and believes in all that the Bible teaches. He was an active worker in the Sunday school and taught a class for over forty years, but on the 13th of September, 1909, he resigned for his health would no longer permit of the performance of that duty. He has held official posts in the church and his life has been an exposition of his Christian faith and belief. He has lived honorably and peaceably with all men, has never been known to overreach another in a business transaction, and in fact has closely followed the golden rule, his life proving the worth and value of uprightness and honesty.

FRANK FOWLIE.

America, declared the philosopher Emerson, is another name for opportunity. Given time and opportunity what results may be achieved by ambition and industry the lives of our eminent and successful men illustrate. In distant lands they severed home ties to seek in the United States the opportunity for advancement and progress denied them abroad. Such is the history of Frank Fowlie, now one of the well known farmers of Cedar county, who owns a well improved tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres in Dayton township. Forty years have passed since he came to this county, arriving here when a young man of nineteen years. He was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, January 5, 1851, a son of John and Jane (Still) Fowlie, who were also natives of that country, where they spent their entire lives and reared their family.

Frank Fowlie spent his youth to the age of seventeen years in the land of hills and heather and was provided with good educational privileges but from his youth had to depend upon his own resources for a living. Feeling that broader opportunities could be secured in the United States, he sailed for the new world in 1868. Landing at Castle Garden, he made his way direct to La Salle county, Illinois, where he joined his uncles, who had previously come to this country. He worked there for eighteen months at farm labor and in 1870 came to Cedar county, Iowa, where he also joined an uncle. For a few years thereafter he was employed as a farm hand but throughout the period was actuated by a laudable ambition to engage in business on his own account. At the time of his marriage he rented land which he cultivated for several years. During that period he carefully saved his earnings until his economy and judicious expenditure had brought him capital sufficient to enable him in 1895 to purchase an improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He at once began its further development and enhanced its productiveness by tiling the fields. He also fenced the land and devoted his energies to raising both grain and stock. In 1909 he purchased a residence in Clarence, which he has occupied since March, 1910. He has now rented his farm but still gives it his personal supervision and watches that the work of improvement is there carried on along progressive lines.

Mr. Fowlie was married in Clarence, September 9, 1874, to Miss Hattie Otis, a native of Boone county, Illinois, and a daughter of Sumner Otis, who was born in Massachusetts and was married near Hinsdale, that state. He afterward came west to Illinois and settled near Belvidere in Boone county, where he followed farming and reared his family. Mrs. Fowlie remained a resident of Boone county until eleven years of age and was then brought to Cedar county, becoming a resident of Massillon township.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fowlie have been born four sons and one daughter: Frank E. is married and resides at Albert Lea, Minnesota, where he is employed as a mail clerk. He is a well educated young man, is a graduate of Cedar Falls College, and for a number of years engaged in teaching. Fannie J. became the wife of Jerome Luethold, a farmer of Cedar county, and died in Dakota, leaving two children, Harriet Frances and Charles Casper. James Wilbur, a farmer of Dayton township, is married and has one son, Gerald Graydon. Ralph A. is married and is conducting a meat market at Loveland, Colorado. Arthur L. is single and operates the home farm.

Politically Mr. Fowlie is a republican with firm faith in the principles of the party, yet voting independently at local elections. He has served as township trustee and as a member of the school board. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church at Clarence and have a very wide acquaintance in the county where they have long resided. In 1908 they went abroad and while traveling through Europe visited Scotland and the scenes and friends of Mr. Fowlie's youth. They also spent some time in a number of the important cities of the old world, viewing points of historic as well as of modern interest. Mr. Fowlie has always been recognized as a careful, conservative business man of tried integrity and worth, possessed of many sterling traits of character. By reason of his diligence and perseverance he has accumulated a handsome competence that now enables him to live retired, while his upright life has made his an honored name in the land of his adoption.

JOHN CHRISTIAN REICHERT.

A well spent life characterized by close conformity to high standards of manhood and citizenship has given John Christian Reichert a hold on the regard and friendship of his fellow townsmen such as few men have. Because of his wide acquaintance his life history cannot fail to prove of interest to many of the readers of this volume.

He is a native of Summerhausen, Bavaria, Germany, born March 27, 1835, and his parents, Paul and Anna Rose (Hester) Reichert, were also natives of Bavaria. Bidding adieu to home and native land, in the summer of 1837 they sailed with their family for the United States and in August of that year became residents of Ohio, where their remaining days were passed. The voyage across the Atlantic was a long one of seven weeks in a sailing vessel and they encountered rough weather. The father was a cabinet-maker by trade and instructed his sons in that line of work. Both he and his wife passed away in Stark county,

Ohio, when seventy-two years of age. Several of their children died in infancy in Germany, while three of the number reached mature years. All but John Henry were born in the fatherland, namely: Rosanna, who became the wife of Jacob Gretzinger and died in Ohio in 1900; John Christian, of this review; and John Henry, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume in connection with the sketch of Howard, his son.

John Christian Reichert was but two years of age when his parents came to the United States and established a home in Bethlehem, Stark county, Ohio, where he remained until April, 1853, when at the age of eighteen years, he went to Laporte, Indiana, where he worked at the carpenter's trade, at which he had been employed from the age of thirteen years. On the 13th of April, 1855, he arrived in Tipton, where he has since made his home and here was connected with building operations until 1869. A year after his arrival he was joined by his brother, John Henry Reichert, and they worked together at the carpenter's trade and later began contracting and building on their own account, being thus identified with the material improvement of the city until 1869, when they turned their attention to the hardware and implement business, under the name of Reichert Brothers. They conducted the store together until the brother's health became impaired in 1872, at which time he sold his interest to William H. Cobb and the business was then carried on under the firm style of Reichert & Cobb for three years. Mr. Reichert then purchased the interest of the junior partner and conducted the store alone until February 1, 1891, when he sold out to Hecht & Diehl. Since that time he has lived retired from active business cares, save for the supervision of his invested interests. While engaged in contracting with his brother, they also conducted a lumberyard at Tipton. This was a big undertaking at the time, as there were no railroads here, and they hauled all the lumber by team from Muscatine, Wilton or Clarence. They also had to haul hardware for a number of years from the same points until a railroad was built through. They had an immense trade both in hardware and lumber and the business was extremely successful. During the second year in the hardware business they sold one hundred and eleven cultivators. That was the first year in which cultivators were introduced into this section of the state. They also introduced many other new farm implements, including planters and hand and horse power machines. It was only a question of how many they could get, for they found a ready sale for all which they bought. Mr. Reichert sold the first check rower to the farmers and also the first hay tedder. The agriculturists of this part of the state would read of a new machine in the Prairie Farmer and then came to Mr. Reichert to order one. He was a director of the Cedar County State Bank for a number of years but since 1891 has been practically retired from business, having acquired a handsome competency that enables him to rest from further labor.

On the 5th of February, 1861, Mr. Reichert was united in marriage to Miss Bertha R. Landrock, who was born in Bethlehem, Stark county, Ohio, January 1, 1843, and there resided until her marriage. Her parents, Charles and Wilhelmina Landrock, were natives of Saxony, Germany, and in 1837 went to Ohio, spending their remaining days in Stark county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Reichert were born five children: Ella Rose, who is the widow of Frank W. Adams of Portland, Oregon; Mary Belle, the wife of Henry L. Huber, of Tipton; Ordelia,

the wife of J. W. Wright of Tipton; Paul Ernest, living in Bozeman, Montana, and Frederick Carl, who died at the age of nine years.

In his political views Mr. Reichert is an earnest democrat and such is his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him that he was appointed during a republican administration to fill a vacancy in the office of justice of the peace and served for two years. He was also appointed to superintend the building of the present high school and has been a cooperant factor in many movements for the general good. In fact his aid can always be depended upon to further any public project intended for the welfare and upbuilding of the town or county. He is prominent in Masonry, holding membership in Cedar Lodge, No. 11, A. F. & A. M.; Siloam Chapter, No. 19, R. A. M., of Tipton; and the Knights Templar Commandery of Muscatine, Iowa. He has long been a devoted member of the Lutheran church, serving for many years as deacon and elder. His life has been in harmony with his professions, winning him the unqualified regard of all with whom he has come in contact. His life has been so honorable in its purposes, so kindly in its spirit, and so just and generous in its actions, that he enjoys to the fullest degree the friendship and good will of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

ABRAM PFAFF.

Abram Pfaff, long a well known and valued citizen of Cedar county, was born in Kaiserslautern, Bavaria, Germany, May 7, 1814, and in his childhood days was brought to the United States by his parents. He was a young man of twenty-three years when he was united in marriage to Susan Laubscher, their wedding being celebrated in Canton, Stark county, Ohio, in 1837. Mrs. Pfaff was born April 13, 1821, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Laubscher, who were also natives of Bavaria. The birth of Mrs. Pfaff occurred in Kaiserslautern and she was a little maiden of seven summers when her parents crossed the broad Atlantic and sought a home in the United States. They made the voyage at the same time the Pfaff family came and both families settled in Ohio, but it was in Iowa that Mr. and Mrs. Laubscher spent their declining years.

Following their marriage Abram Pfaff and his wife went to New York but subsequently took up their abode in Pennsylvania, where two children were added to the household. After spending a few years in the Keystone state they returned to Ohio, where another child was born to them. In 1845 they came to the middle west, locating on a farm in Cass township, Cedar county. Here the father developed and improved his place until 1852, when he made an overland trip to California but returned to his home in the fall of the same year. He then resumed his farming operations, which he continued throughout his remaining years.

After coming to Cedar county six more children were added to the household, the record being as follows: William, who was born November 20, 1839, and died October 7, 1867; Magdalene, who was born February 28, 1843, and is the widow of Finley Huey and a resident of Lisbon, Iowa; Abram, who was born

March 15, 1845, and is now a resident of Tipton; Peter, who was born May 10, 1847, and died in May, 1909, at the age of sixty-two years; Caroline, who was born September 16, 1849, and makes her home in Cass township with her sister, Mrs. Dodds; Charles, a resident of Tipton, who was born October 29, 1853; John, who was born October 10, 1855, and is a resident of Tipton, his sketch being found on another page of this work; Anna E., born July 3, 1857, who is now the wife of Fred Kohl, of Lisbon; and Susan, whose birth occurred May 18, 1859, and who is now the wife of Charles A. Dodds, of Cass township. Both the parents died many years ago, the mother passing away on the 7th of November, 1867, while the father, surviving for a number of years, departed this life March 10, 1885, when seventy-one years of age. He was identified with the early development of this section of the state and became a prominent and highly respected citizen, his death being a great loss to the community in which he had so long made his home.

ISRAEL P. BERRY.

Israel P. Berry is a veteran of the Civil war and a self-made man whose diligence and determination constituted the chief force in the success which he has achieved as the years have gone by. In the early days he worked as a farm laborer by the month and is today the owner of a valuable property. He was born in Morgan county, Ohio, February 14, 1839, and was therefore a young man of twenty-one years when, in the spring of 1860, he came to Iowa. His parents were William and Martha (Pearson) Berry, the former born in Loudoun county, Virginia, and the latter near Barnesville, Belmont county, Ohio. The father started for Iowa in company with two companions and all three died of cholera while on the way, the father's death occurring April 2, 1854, when he was fifty-two years of age. The mother came to Iowa in 1866 and died January 26, 1894, in her eighty-fourth year.

In their family were thirteen children, nine of whom reached years of maturity. Jane is the wife of John Worrel, of Iowa township. Benjamin, who was a wagonmaker by trade, was killed while digging a well in Ohio. He had expected to enlist for service in the Union army on the day that he was killed. He was married and left a family. William, who removed to Kansas in 1871, died in that state, leaving a family. Mary Emsey is the wife of David Scott of Morgan county, Ohio. Martha Ann married A. J. McKittrick and both died in Wisconsin. Israel is the next of the family. Caroline is the wife of John W. Lewis, of Atalissa, Iowa. Eunice died unmarried. James Madison, who completes the family, was born in Morgan county, Ohio, September 10, 1850, and in 1866 came to Cedar county with his widowed mother. For a short time they lived with his brother-in-law, John Worrel, in Iowa township, after which he worked by the month as a farm hand for fifteen or twenty years. He then rented land and later purchased one hundred and forty-five acres on section 33, Iowa township, constituting a well improved property upon which he resided until 1906, when he removed to Springdale and educated his children.

ISRAEL P. BERRY

He was married, December 25, 1894, to Margaret Minsch, who was born in this county, September 18, 1867, a daughter of John and Mary (Gephart) Minsch, natives of Pennsylvania, who are now living in Oklahoma. Unto Mr. and Mrs. James M. Berry were born five children, Lucille, Robert, Irene, Fern and Margaret.

Israel P. Berry, whose name introduces this review, spent his youthful days in the usual manner of farm lads. His early advantages were few and with a desire to improve his financial condition he came to Iowa in 1860 and was employed at farm labor until his enlistment for service in the Civil war on the 19th of September, 1861. He became a member of Company D, Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and took part in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth and Iuka. At the last place he was taken ill and was sent to the hospital at Corinth. After four days he was transferred to the hospital at Columbus, Kentucky, and was later in the hospital at Jefferson Barracks for about a month. At the end of that time he was sent to Quincy, Illinois, and was honorably discharged December 11, 1862. Returning to Ohio, he there remained in a state of convalescence until 1864, when he again enlisted, joining the One Hundred and Thirty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he was connected until the regiment was mustered out August 10, 1864. Whenever his health permitted he was in active duty and made a creditable military record.

After being mustered out Mr. Berry remained in Ohio until 1865, when he again came to Cedar county, Iowa, where he has since lived. For a year he cultivated a rented farm and then removed to Henry Grove, where he carried on farming for two years. He afterward worked at farm labor in the employ of others for several years but now lives retired. He owns a comfortable home in Springdale and also has a pension. The family has been represented continuously in this county for forty-four years and Mr. Berry is widely known.

HUBER M. MOFFETT.

Huber M. Moffett is a worthy representative of one of the pioneer families of this county and was born on his present farm May 18, 1886, his parents being Wilfred W. and Emma (Huber) Moffett. His paternal grandfather was John M. Moffett, who was born in Kentucky on the 2d of August, 1804, and from his native state removed to Miami county, Ohio, at the age of ten years, being one of the early settlers of that locality. There he grew to manhood and was married November 17, 1836, to Miss Sarah Stephenson, of Ohio. In the Buckeye state they continued to make their home until 1852, which year witnessed their arrival in Iowa. The journey across the country was made by teams. For several months they made their home in Linn county, but in February, 1853, took up their abode in this county, where the grandfather engaged in farming and stock-raising for many years. He brought the first blooded cattle to Cedar county from Ohio and was the owner of a white shorthorn bull. During the early days he drove hogs to Rock Island, Illinois, a distance of about fifty miles, and also drove cattle as far as Chicago. Throughout his active busi-

ness life he continued to engage extensively in the raising and feeding of stock. He became well known throughout this part of the state as Uncle John. His useful and well spent life was ended on the 8th of October, 1876, and he left to his eight children a large estate of over six hundred acres, all in Red Oak township. His wife died in Tipton in 1890. Their children were: George J., of Jones county, Iowa; James S., of Missouri; Samuel C., deceased; Wilfred W., the father of our subject; Horace C., who died in Missouri; Charles C., also deceased; Kittie, who died in Missouri; and Laura, a resident of that state.

Wilfred W. Moffett was born in Piqua, Miami county, Ohio, on the 1st of February, 1848, and was but four years of age when brought by his family to this state, where he grew to manhood, obtaining his education in the early schools. He is now the owner of a part of his father's estate, comprising one hundred and sixty acres of very valuable land on section 9, Red Oak township, and for many years he successfully engaged in its operation, but is now living retired, making his home in Stanwood. In early manhood he married Miss Emma Huber, who was born in Tipton, Iowa, September 28, 1860, a daughter of Irving and Margaret (Byrley) Huber. Two children blessed this union: Huber M., of this review; and Hazel M., at home.

Huber M. Moffett was reared on the home farm and acquired his education in the local schools. As soon as old enough to be of any assistance he commenced work in the fields and since his father's retirement, in the spring of 1910, he has had charge of the farm, which he is now successfully operating in connection with the raising of stock. Upon the place is a fine large residence, built in 1903, and the barns and outbuildings are in harmony therewith. Mr. Moffett was married December 1, 1909, to Miss Prudence Gertrude Waddell, who was born in Andrew, Jackson county, Iowa, March 18, 1885, her parents being James and Eliza (Elkin) Waddell, still residents of Andrew. The young couple have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in this county and are held in the highest esteem by all who know them.

FRED S. PHILLIPS.

Farming and stock-raising claim the attention of Fred S. Phillips, who makes his home on section 22, Dayton township, where he is cultivating a farm of ninety-two acres, lying partly within and partly adjacent to the village of Clarence. Cedar county numbers him among her native sons, for he was born December 6, 1890, on the farm where he now resides. His father, Frank E. Phillips, was born in Ohio about 1856 and was a son of Edmond Phillips, also a native of the Buckeye state, whence he removed to Iowa, settling in Cedar county among its pioneers. This was in the year 1853. For a brief period, however, he returned to Ohio, where he was living at the time of the birth of his son, Frank E. Phillips, and when the latter was an infant the family returned to Iowa, establishing their home near Clarence.

Frank E. Phillips, therefore, was reraed upon the home farm and was here married to Miss Capitola Schaaf, who was born in this county and is a daughter

of Jacob Schaaf, one of the early settlers, arriving here in 1853. His daughter Capitola was reared and educated here and in early womanhood gave her hand in marriage to Frank E. Phillips. As the years passed her husband prospered in his farming operations, carefully conducting his business affairs so that success rewarded his efforts. Year after year he diligently tilled the fields and his perseverance and industry brought him financial advancement, while his reliability and integrity gained for him the respect and confidence of all who knew him. He was an exemplary member of the Masonic fraternity and at his death, which occurred June 22, 1908, he was buried with Masonic honors. He was identified with the democratic party from the time that age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and he served in several local offices of honor and trust. He filled the position of township assessor for one or more terms and received the nomination of his party for representation in the state legislature, on which occasion he was accorded a very flattering vote—a fact indicative of his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Phillips has taken charge of the farm and business and has proven herself a lady of excellent business qualifications and keen discernment. She has erected a substantial and attractive residence and altogether has a neat and well improved farm.

Fred S. Phillips remains with his mother and attends to the actual work of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He also raises and feeds stock. He is a well educated young man of good business ability and exemplary habits. He has an elder brother, E. J. Phillips, who is well educated, having pursued a five years' course at Ames, where he made a specialty of civil engineering, and he now holds a responsible position at Gary, Indiana, and makes his home in Chicago.

Frank E. Phillips was one of the prominent and well known citizens of Cedar county, progressive and public-spirited. He not only belonged to the Masonic fraternity but also to the Modern Woodmen and in his life exemplified the beneficent spirit on which those orders rest. Mrs. Phillips is a member of the Presbyterian church and her life is in harmony with its teachings. She has always lived in Cedar county, where she is widely and favorably known, having an extensive circle of friends here.

ANDREW PIERCE.

For the long period of fifty-six years Andrew Pierce has now been a resident of Cedar county and with its agricultural development and improvement he was actively identified for many years, but has now laid aside all labor and is living retired in Tipton. A native of Ohio, he was born about twelve miles south of Mansfield, in Richland county, July 7, 1834, his parents being Dennis C. and Mary (Pollock) Pierce, also natives of the Buckeye state. At an early day the family came to Iowa and the father died near Le Claire about forty years ago, having contracted cholera while away from home hunting horses. The mother's death occurred near Carson in Pottawattamie county when nearly ninety years of age.

In their family were eight children, of whom Andrew is the eldest. Elizabeth, the second in order of birth, married George Williams and is now deceased. Hannah M. is the widow of George Bolton, of Pottawattamie county, Iowa. James and Aaron are twins. The latter, who is a resident of Woodbine, Harrison county, Iowa, served in the Civil war as a member of the Eleventh Iowa Infantry and for eight months was confined in Andersonville prison. James died about a year ago at Stuart, Iowa. Sarah J., deceased, was the wife of Andy Bolton. Ann is the wife of Alfred Long, of Tiffin, Iowa. Dennis K., of Polk county, Nebraska, completes the family.

In the state of his nativity Andrew Pierce spent the first nineteen years of his life and on leaving there in 1853 removed to Bloomington, Illinois, where the following year was passed. It was in 1854 that he accompanied the family on their removal to Tipton, Iowa, and he has since been a resident of Cedar county. His father died in the summer of 1855 and, being the oldest of the family, he had to assist his mother in caring for the children. Up to the time of the Civil war he engaged in farming, working for others by the month for some time.

Feeling that his country needed his services Mr. Pierce enlisted August 8, 1862, at Tipton, becoming a member of Company C, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and after three years spent at the front was honorably discharged at Davenport, May 4, 1865, at which time he was serving as orderly sergeant. He had received, however, a second lieutenant's commission but, owing to a lack of men, was not mustered in as such. He received a gunshot wound in the right hip at Cedar Creek, Virginia, October 19, 1864, and was in the hospital when he received his discharge. Being home on recruiting service one winter, he missed one engagement in which his company took part, but participated in all others, being wounded at the last battle in which they took part. He was in the Vicksburg campaign and accompanied Banks to New Orleans and on the Red River expedition. He was also with Sheridan in the Shenandoah valley and was always found at his post of duty.

Returning home, Mr. Pierce resumed farming on York Prairie and continued to engage in that pursuit until two years ago, when he retired from active life and removed to Tipton. In his farming operations he met with excellent success, becoming the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land in Fairfield township, but on his removal to Tipton disposed of half of that property and purchased his present home on the east side of Court Square. He was an energetic and progressive farmer and in his business affairs was always upright and honorable.

It was on the 3d of July, 1865, that Mr. Pierce was united in marriage to Miss Julia M. Lyle, who was born in Greene county, Ohio, August 25, 1846, but was only three years of age when brought to Cedar county, Iowa, by her parents, John C. and Clarissa (Brealey) Lyle. Her father was a native of Virginia and her mother of Ohio and both are now deceased. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Pierce are as follows: Jessie May, who died in infancy; Franklin, who is living two miles and a half west of Tipton; Charles K., whose home is near Springdale; Bessie R., at home; William, who lives on his father's farm five miles northeast of Tipton; Clarissa B., the wife of Bruce Haggerty, of Tipton; and William and one other who died in infancy.

In his political affiliations Mr. Pierce is an ardent republican, having always supported that party since he attained his majority. Religiously he is connected with the Methodist Episcopal church and fraternally is an honored member of William Beaver Post, No. 110, G. A. R. During his long residence in this county he has made a host of warm friends and wherever known is held in the highest esteem.

OLIVER S. JOHNSON.

Oliver S. Johnson, well known as a successful auctioneer and progressive farmer, is the proprietor of Forest Place on section 17, Red Oak township. His entire life has been passed in Cedar county, for he was born on the 8th of November, 1871, two and one-half miles south of Mechanicsville in Pioneer township, his parents being among the early settlers of this region. His father, John Thomas Johnson, was born in Warren county, Ohio, May 11, 1838, and was a son of Elijah and Ann (Collins) Johnson, both natives of Delaware, though they were married in Ohio. In 1850 they brought their family to this state and settled on a farm three and one-half miles west of Tipton in Cedar county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Their children were: Sarah Elizabeth, now the widow of Solomon Mowry and a resident of Tipton; Margaret Ann, who married Jackson Fraseur and died in California; John Thomas, the father of our subject; Mary Jane, the deceased wife of Silas Hoon; Elijah and William H., both deceased; and several children who died in childhood.

On starting out in life for himself, John Thomas Johnson commenced farming, to which he ever afterward devoted his attention, with the exception of seventeen months spent in Idaho during the Civil war. He started out with eighty acres of land in Pioneer township, upon which he continued to make his home until his death, which occurred on the 19th of November, 1896. At that time he was the owner of four hundred and fifty-six acres of well improved and valuable land. He was married in 1858 to Miss Susan Mowry whose birth occurred in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, January 28, 1833. It was in 1856 that she accompanied her parents on their removal to this state, the family locating three miles west of Tipton. She continued to reside on the home farm for three years after the death of her husband but now makes her home in Tipton. Her parents were George and Margaret (Fair) Mowry, natives of Pennsylvania and Maryland respectively. Her mother died in the Keystone state and her father subsequently remarried. His death also occurred in Pennsylvania, but his second wife died in Kansas. He had eight children by the first union, of whom six lived to years of maturity, and one son by his second wife. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are: Tanny, the deceased wife of Milton Miller; Albert, a stock-buyer of Mechanicsville; Wilson, of Cedar Rapids, who is connected with the Cedar Rapids & Iowa City Interurban Company; Oliver S., of this review; Frank G. and James H., both residing on the old homestead in Pioneer township; and one son who died in infancy.

Oliver S. Johnson spent the first twenty years of his life on the home farm and then removed to his present place, which was owned by his father and which he operated on shares for some time, but since 1897 it has been in his possession. Here he has one hundred and ninety-six acres of very productive and highly cultivated land on sections 17 and 18, Red Oak township, and upon the place he has made many substantial improvements, including the erection of a beautiful home in 1906. All of the buildings are good, substantial structures, erected at a recent date and there being a fine grove upon the farm, Mr. Johnson has given it the name of Forest Place. During the summer season he devotes his attention largely to general farming and stock-raising but throughout the winter is engaged in auctioneering and during the past season sold over a million dollars' worth of property, mostly farm land and live stock. He was one of the earliest advocates of the split log drag and was one of the first to drag the roads in his locality. He is very progressive and public-spirited, taking a commendable interest in the affairs of his township and county, and exercises a wide influence for the benefit of the community.

In 1892 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Johnson and Miss Susan E. Yule, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Porter) Yule, both now deceased. Her father was born in Scotland, while her mother was a native of England. Mrs. Johnson, whose birth occurred in Red Oak township, June 6, 1870, died on the 8th of June, 1909, leaving three children, namely: George Frederick, Alexander Oliver and Esther May.

Spending his entire life in this county, Mr. Johnson has materially aided in its progress, especially along agricultural lines, and is widely recognized as a man of exceptional business ability. His enterprising spirit enables him to carefully direct all the details of his business and to give to each its due importance.

FRED K. WALLICK.

Fred K. Wallick, who has lived in honorable retirement at Mechanicsville for the past eleven years, was long numbered among the substantial and well known agriculturists and extensive landowners of Cedar county, successfully carrying on farming and stock-raising in Linn and later in Cass township. The period of his residence in this county covers fifty-two years, for he took up his abode among the early settlers here in 1858. His birth occurred in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, on the 10th of January, 1830.

His father, George Wallick, likewise a native of that place, there wedded Miss Mary Kuhn, who was born and reared near Chambersburg, Franklin county. The first representatives of the Wallick family in this country came to Pennsylvania from Germany. George Wallick was a blacksmith by trade and followed that occupation in early manhood. Three children were born unto him and his wife while they were still residents of the Keystone state. In 1835 he removed to Stark county, Ohio, driving across the country with a one-horse wagon. Turning his attention to general agricultural pursuits, he cleared and developed a tract of land, erected good buildings thereon and succeeded in

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bringing the fields under a high state of cultivation. Subsequently he took up his abode in Massillon, Ohio, and there engaged in buying and dealing in horses, leaving the farm in care and under the management of his sons. His demise occurred at Massillon in 1848, when he was but forty-seven years of age. His wife, who survived him, was fifty-four years old when called to her final rest.

Fred K. Wallick grew to manhood on the home farm in Stark county and received a good practical education in the common schools. On the 21st of August, 1851, while still living in that county, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary P. Magrew, who was born and reared in Ohio. Following that important event in his life he carried on farming in the Buckeye state until 1857, when he disposed of his property and came to Iowa, selecting a location in Linn township, Cedar county. He first bought one hundred and twenty acres of raw prairie land, prepared it for cultivation, erected a small house thereon and became busily engaged in the operation and further improvement of the place. The district was still but sparsely settled and largely undeveloped and he experienced many of the hardships and privations of pioneer existence. As the years passed by, however, he prospered in his undertakings and Linn township remained his place of abode for three decades. He built a commodious and substantial residence, barn and outbuildings and, as before stated, continued to reside there for thirty years, on the expiration of which period he turned the property over to his youngest son and purchased an improved farm of three hundred and twenty acres near Cedar Bluff. To the further cultivation and improvement of that place he devoted his attention until 1899, erecting a nice residence, repairing the barn and otherwise making it a model farming property. During the past eleven years, however, he has been living retired at Mechanicsville, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease. He owned nearly eight hundred acres of land at one time but has divided it all among his children with the exception of about two hundred acres.

Mr. Wallick, who has been twice married, had five sons and six daughters, by his first wife, of whom three sons and four daughters are now living, one son and two daughters having passed away in infancy. Marshall C., the oldest son, grew to maturity, was married and became a well known farmer and business man. At the time of his death, which occurred on the 15th of January, 1910, he was a resident of Cuba, Missouri. Winfield S. follows farming near Lisbon, Linn county. E. L. is a respected citizen and successful merchant of Cedar Bluff. Elmer is a mechanic and agriculturist of Lisbon. Mrs. Emma J. Marker, a widow, makes her home in Mechanicsville. Eva May is the wife of George Gunsolas and resides in San Jose, California. Artie Ann gave her hand in marriage to William Wallick, who is engaged in business at Williamsfield, Knox county, Illinois. Alta is the wife of Edward Brown, who follows farming near Cedar Bluff. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in 1891, her death being the occasion of deep and widespread regret. On the 24th of August, 1899, at Mechanicsville, Iowa, Mr. Wallick was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Sarah Edith Kahler, a daughter of the Rev. David McKay. Mrs. Wallick was reared in this county and first became the wife of Martin Kahler, by whom she had three children, namely: Charles; Ray; and Clara, the wife of Lincoln Risley.

In 1852 Mr. Wallick cast his first presidential ballot for Franklin Pierce, th democratic candidate. Four years later, in 1856, he voted for John C. Fremont and has supported every presidential candidate of the republican party since that time. While living on the farm he capably served his fellow townsmen in various positions of trust and responsibility. Both he and his wife are devoted and consistent members of the Christian church. Mr. Wallick has been identified therewith since early manhood and acted as an elder for many years. There is perhaps no resident of Cedar county who can speak in more comprehensive and reliable manner concerning events which marked the early pioneer development, characterized the later growth and have fostered the present proggress and upbuilding of this part of the state. He can remember when the greater part of the land was still uncultivated but has lived to see it transformed into rich farms, in the midst of which are beautiful homes. Towns and villages have also sprung up and the work of development and improvement has been carried steadily forward. Mr. Wallick has now passed the eightieth milestone on life's journey and well merits the respect, admiration and esteem which are uniformly accorded him.

ALFRED C. LAUBSCHER.

A history of Cedar county would be incomplete and unsatisfactory were there failure to make prominent mention of Alfred C. Laubscher, who has spent his entire life within its borders and has been actively identified with its public interests for many years. He was born six miles west of Tipton, in Cass township, on the 3d of October, 1846, a son of John and Philepena (Stork) Laubscher, both natives of Bavaria, Germany. The birth of the father occurred March 3, 1805, and the mother was born in 1816. They were reared and educated in their native land and on coming to the United States located in Ohio, where they were married and continued to make their home for eleven years. The year 1844 witnessed their arrival in Iowa and the remainder of their lives was spent on a farm in Cass township, Cedar county, where both died at the age of eighty-four years. Their children were as follows: John, now deceased; Susan P., the wife of D. A. Diltz of Wyoming; Alfred C., whose name introduces this sketch; Anna V., who died in January, 1910; Ella L., the wife of J. R. Burroughs of Cedar Rapids; and Charles, of Buchanan, this county.

During his boyhood and youth Alfred C. Laubscher obtained a good practical education in the local schools and remained on the home farm in Cass township until coming to Tipton in 1887 to assume the duties of county auditor, to which office he had been recently elected. So satisfactorily did he discharge the duties of that position that he was reelected and served for five years, receiving one extra year on his two terms of two years each, owing to a change of law in election to that office. His public duties were always most conscientiously performed, and he has ever given his support to those enterprises which he believed would benefit the material or moral welfare of the community. On his retirement from office in 1892 he embarked in the hardware business with H. Piatt,

who three years later sold out to our subject's brother-in-law, N. E. Jacobs, the firm having since been Laubscher & Jacobs. They carry a complete line of shelf and heavy hardware and by fair and honorable dealing they have built up an excellent trade. Mr. Laubscher also has financial interests in Tipton and has been a director of the Farmers & Merchants Savings Bank since its organization.

On the 16th of March, 1875, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Laubscher to Miss Charlotte Jacobs, who was born in Johnson county, Iowa, December 5, 1855, a daughter of John and Rosanna (Frankhauser) Jacobs. Politically Mr. Laubscher has been a life-long democrat and has exerted a wide felt influence in the counsels of his party. He has not only been called upon to serve as county auditor, but has also filled the positions of township trustee in Cass township for a number of terms, assessor of that township for one term and also served as a member of the city council of Tipton one term of three years, these positions having come to him unsought. No trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed and his party realized that he was thoroughly capable and reliable. He filled the offices not only with credit to himself but to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He is today regarded as one of the leading citizens of Tipton and is a popular member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias fraternities.

N. E. JACOBS.

N. E. Jacobs, whose name is an honored one in the business circles of Tipton, has throughout his business career been identified with the hardware trade and is today a member of the well known firm of Laubscher & Jacobs. He is a native of this state, his birth occurring near Iowa City in Johnson county on the 26th of July, 1861. He was only three years old, however, when he accompanied his parents, John and Rosanna (Frankhauser) Jacobs, on their removal to a farm in Cass township, Cedar county. The father was born in Switzerland, December 13, 1818, but the mother was a native of Ohio. She died in Cass township, this county, in 1870, at the age of forty-four years. The parents were married in the Buckeye state and came to Iowa about 1845, making their home in Johnson county for some years. The father, who made farming his life occupation, was about thirteen years old on the emigration of the family to America and he grew to manhood in Ohio, which state continued to be his home until coming to Iowa. In his family were nine children, of whom seven still live, namely: Louisa, the wife of W. W. Johnson of Sanborn, O'Brien county, Iowa; William R., of Correctionville, Iowa; A. P., of Paulina, Iowa; Lottie, the wife of A. C. Laubscher, who is engaged in business with our subject; Ernest, a farmer, living one mile from Correctionville; N. E., of this review; Alexander, of Tipton; and two who died in infancy.

N. E. Jacobs grew to manhood upon his father's farm in Cass township and acquired his education in the local schools. On starting out in life for himself he decided to engage in mercantile pursuits and for six years conducted busi-

ness in Paulina as a dealer in hardware and farm implements, being at that time in partnership with his brother, A. P. Jacobs, under the name of Jacobs Brothers. In 1896, however, he sold his interest in the business to his brother and came to Tipton, where he has since been connected with A. C. Laubscher under the firm style of Laubscher & Jacobs. They carry a large and complete line of hardware and implements and are doing a successful business. While a resident of Paulina, Mr. Jacobs also served as a director of the Farmers State Bank of that place and has ever been regarded as one of the leading business men of the community in which he resides.

It was in 1893 that Mr. Jacobs was united in marriage to Miss Emma Handorf, also a native of this state, who was born in Marshall county, February 23, 1870, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Handorf. Two children were born of this union, Donald Alexander, who is still living, and Florence, who died at the age of two years.

Fraternally Mr. Jacobs affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Tipton but has never been active in public life, preferring to center his energies upon business affairs. His indefatigable energy has constituted a prominent factor in the growth and substantial progress of his business, and today he is regarded as one of the leading citizens of Tipton.

CAPTAIN J. N. BOLING.

Captain J. N. Boling, one of the well known and leading citizens of Cedar county, within the borders of which he has resided for four decades, has long been a prominent factor in business circles and is now successfully engaged in real-estate operations. For the past twenty-four years he has been connected with the public life of Stanwood and for some years previous was successfully identified with agricultural interests in Dayton township. He is likewise one of the few remaining veterans of the Civil war and may well be proud of the splendid record he made as a defender of the Union.

His birth occurred in Holmes county, Ohio, on the 3d of December, 1838, and there he grew to manhood on a farm. His education was limited to that afforded by the common schools but since attaining mature years he has become well informed through reading, experience and observation and is largely a self-educated man. On the 14th of September, 1861, he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company B, Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, of which he was appointed sergeant, was subsequently promoted to the rank of second lieutenant and still later to first lieutenant. He was first under fire at Cumberland Gap and his regiment was under fire a total of eighty-seven days during the war. On one occasion he was hit by a spent ball and knocked down, receiving injuries which disabled him for a few days. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg and Jackson, Mississippi, went with General Banks' expedition up the Red river and served in a great many other important engagements. After his term of enlistment had expired he was mustered out and returned to Ohio, being honorably discharged at Columbus on the 31st of October, 1864,

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with the rank of first lieutenant. Governor Tod appointed him captain of a company of home guards immediately after his discharge.

On the 27th of December, 1864, in Holmes county, Ohio, Captain Boling was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Hoyman, who was born and reared in that county, her father being John Hoyman. Following his marriage our subject bought a portable sawmill and engaged in the manufacture of lumber for a few years. In 1869 he came west and took up his permanent abode in Cedar county, Iowa. Captain Boling owned and operated three hundred and twenty acres of land near Stanwood, in Dayton township, and devoted his time and energies to the further cultivation and improvement of that property for fifteen years, erecting a good residence, barn and outbuildings and making the place a model farm. On abandoning agricultural pursuits he sold the property and removed to Stanwood, where he erected a tile and brick yard, put in a good manufacturing plant and began the making of brick and tile, carrying on the business successfully for a period of eleven years or until his plant was destroyed by fire. For some years past, however, he has dealt largely in real estate, handling Colorado and Dakota lands, in which connection he has built up an extensive business. He built a good brick residence and business house for himself and also owns other buildings. For seven years he was identified with journalistic interests, publishing the Stanwood Herald. He has been connected with various local enterprises and is well entitled to a foremost place among the substantial, progressive and public-spirited citizens of the county. His connection with any undertaking insures a prosperous outcome of the same, for it is in his nature to carry forward to successful completion whatever he is associated with. He has earned for himself an enviable reputation as a careful man of business, and in his dealings is known for his prompt and honorable methods, which have won him the deserved and unbounded confidence of his fellowmen.

Unto Captain Boling and his wife were born three sons and five daughters, namely: A. J., a farmer residing in Stanwood; C. O., a lawyer by profession, who makes his home at Tipton; John F., a stock-dealer of Stanwood; Nellie M., the wife of E. H. Anthony, of Stanwood; Minnie, who was called to her final rest in May, 1898; Hattie, who passed away on the 2d of January, 1900; Nettie, whose demise occurred on the 23d of May, 1906; and Mary Ellen, who died in infancy.

In politics Captain Boling is a stanch republican, having supported every presidential nominee of that party since casting his ballot for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. For many years he has been an active and influential worker in the local ranks of the party. He has served as justice of the peace for a quarter of a century and is still filling that position and at various times has been elected mayor of Stanwood, holding that office for fourteen years. He has likewise been sent as a delegate to numerous state and county conventions and his public duties have ever been discharged in an efficient and conscientious manner. He still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic and recently transferred his membership to T. Z. Cook Post of Cedar Rapids from the post at Stanwood, of which he was commander for a time. His religious faith is indicated by his membersnip in the Methodist Episcopal church at Stanwood, to which his wife also belongs.

At this point it would be almost tautological to enter into any series of statements as showing Captain Boling to be a man of broad intelligence and genuine public spirit, for these have been shadowed forth between the lines of this review. Strong in his individuality, he never lacks the courage of his convictions, but there are as dominating elements in his individuality a lively human sympathy and an abiding charity which, as taken in connection with the sterling integrity and honor of his character, have naturally gained him the respect and confidence of men.

CHRISTIAN ROHLF.

Christian Rohlf, one of the successful farmers of Inland township, makes a specialty of raising thoroughbred shorthorn cattle, in addition to engaging in general agricultural pursuits. His splendid farm of three hundred and twenty acres on section 7, came to him as a result of individual effort, coupled with sterling honesty in all his business transactions. He is rated among the representative citizens of Cedar county.

The son of Fritz and Elizabeth (Schults) Rohlf, Christian Rohlf first saw the light of day in the province of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, the date of his birth being July 13, 1860. With his parents he came to this country in 1869, and finally arrived in Davenport, Iowa, September 15 of that year. The children were all quite small, and for a year the family lived in a brick house which stood on Ripley street on the site at present occupied by a brick business block. The father and some of the elder children found work in the city. In February, 1870, Fritz Rohlf bought eighty acres of land lying five miles west of Davenport on the Buffalo road, where they lived for three years, then sold and bought two hundred and eighty acres in Butler township, Scott county. That place became their home and continued as such until 1889, when Mr. Rohlf retired to Davenport, where his death occurred a few months later. He was a man of strong individuality and proved an exceptionally good farmer and citizen, being held in high esteem by his many friends. He and his family were devoted members of the Lutheran church and he was actively interested in all the church work. His success in life—for he had made his way from a poor man to a very well-to-do farmer—was due entirely to his perseverance and to honest methods of conducting his affairs. At the time of his death he was sixty-eight years old. His wife, Elizabeth (Schults) Rohlf, was also a native of Germany. Her death occurred at Eldridge, Iowa, when in the seventy-ninth year of her age.

Christian Rohlf is one of a family of six children, all of whom were born in Germany, and but three are now living. Louisa and John Rohlf both live in Davenport. The early education of Christian Rohlf was obtained in the schools of Scott county. He learned the carpenter's trade and remained with his parents until he was twenty-five years old, working at his trade all the while.

On November 4, 1885, Christian Rohlf was united in marriage to Caroline Schmidt, a native of Springfield township, Cedar county, and a daughter of John and Sophia (Kruse) Schmidt, both of whom are now deceased. Unto Mr. and

Mrs. Rohlf were born six children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: Minnie, the wife of Peter Ruser, of Inland township; Edward, Walter, Hilda and Lucinda, all of whom make their homes with their parents.

For two years following their marriage Mr. Rohlf worked at his trade of carpentering and then engaged in farming, renting land for this purpose for a period of five years. He was remarkably successful in this venture and at the end of the five years bought eighty acres of land in Lincoln township, Scott county. That was in 1891 and until nine years ago, at which time he bought the present home of the family, they lived there, making a decided success of farming and improving the place in every manner possible. The present farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Inland township, Cedar county, was purchased in 1901. Just five years ago he purchased an eighty acre tract of land adjoining his farm, and in the spring of 1910 he added another eighty, making his total acreage three hundred and twenty. The entire place has been fenced with hog-tight wire fencing, and new tiling has been laid throughout the entire farm. Mr. Rohlf carries on general farming but pays special attention to registered shorthorn cattle, which he raises for breeding purposes. He has been remarkably successful in this line of work and is known throughout the entire country as one of the best informed stockmen of the district. The success which he has achieved is due entirely to his splendid energy, coupled with an exceptional ability.

Mr. Rohlf has found time to serve his township as trustee for six years. For a number of years he was school director in Scott county and at the present time is secretary of the school board. He is connected with a number of fraternal organizations, being a member of the Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Pythian Sisters. A self-made man in every sense of the word, Christian Rohlf has made his way and has become a man of worth by honesty in business, coupled with a strong determination to succeed.

ANDREW MANN McCORMICK.

Andrew Mann McCormick, who is now successfully engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Tipton as a member of the firm of McCormick & Wills, was born in this city on the 25th of February, 1879, and is a son of Alexander McCormick, whose birth occurred in County Cavan, Ireland, November 4, 1839. During his infancy the latter was taken by his parents, George and Jean (Stewart) McCormick, back to their old home in Scotland, locating in Linlithgowshire, where he was reared and educated. George McCormick made three different attempts to come to the United States but each time was shipwrecked and never reached the shores of this country. On one of the voyages he lost a son and daughter and again another daughter was drowned. He was a tailor by trade, and both he and his wife died in Scotland. Of their eight children only three are now living, these being Alexander, the father of our subject; Mrs. Margaret Machelson, of Glasgow; and Mrs. Mary Ann Innes, of Tipton, Iowa.

During his youth Alexander McCormick served a three years' apprenticeship to the shoemaker's trade and for several years followed that occupation in Glasgow, Scotland; Dublin, Ireland; and Liverpool, England, after which he returned to his old home in Scotland, where he continued to work for three years. In 1863 he married Miss Margaret Scott, by whom he had one child, but both mother and child died prior to his emigration to America in the fall of 1869. He came direct to Iowa and has since made his home in Tipton, working at his trade, having been at his present location since 1878. He has employed three men at one time and has also dealt in ready-made shoes but is now principally devoting his attention to repair work. In 1871 he again married, his second union being with Miss Margaret Mann, who was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, in January, 1839, and came to this country with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Mann, in the spring of 1869. The children born of this union are: W. G., who is now a linotype operator in the Republican office at Cedar Rapids; Alexander, thirty-six years of age, who is today the smallest man in America and has been offered excellent positions with several circus companies but has always declined; Jane, who is assistant principal of the high school at Mechanicsville; Mary, who died at the age of fourteen years; Andrew McCormick, whose name introduces this sketch; and Margaret, who was assistant principal of the schools at Lake Park at the time of her death. The parents are both faithful members of the Presbyterian church and the father has been connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen for twenty-five years. In politics he is a republican.

Reared in Tipton, Andrew Mann McCormick is indebted to the public schools of this city for the educational privileges he enjoyed. After attending the high school he began his business career as clerk in the grocery store of W. R. Fields, where he remained for five years. At the age of sixteen he joined the National Guards and when the Spanish-American war broke out enlisted April 26, 1898, in the United States service, becoming a member of Company F, Forty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Louis J. Rowell. He accompanied the regiment to Cuba but they were never called upon to participate in any engagement. After thirteen months of service Mr. McCormick was mustered out May 13, 1899. He now holds the office of first lieutenant in Company F, Fifty-third Iowa National Guard.

After the war Mr. McCormick was engaged as street car conductor in Cedar Rapids for one year and on his return to Tipton entered the employ of S. F. Witmer, who was engaged in the furniture and undertaking business and for whom he worked for eight years. He was later with that gentleman's successors, Kingsbury & Hammel, for one year and then with F. W. Casterline. On the 11th of January, 1909, he formed a partnership with Oscar Wills and they have since engaged in the same line of business under the firm name of McCormick & Wills. They carry a large and complete line of furniture and have built up an excellent trade in the undertaking business.

On the 12th of October, 1904, Mr. McCormick was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Dysart, a native of Granville, Illinois, and a daughter of C. W. Dysart. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McCormick were born two children, Martha J. and Elizabeth Margaret, but the latter died at the age of ten months.

The republican party finds in Mr. McCormick a stanch supporter of its principles and on that ticket he was elected in 1908 to the office of coroner of Cedar county, entering upon its duties January 1, 1909. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church and fraternally is identified with several different orders, including the Knights of Pythias, Rathbone Sisters, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Masons, and the Order of the Eastern Star. He is quite prominent in business, social and military circles and is today regarded as one of the leading citizens of Tipton.

AMOS H. ROBINSON.

Amos H. Robinson, extensively engaged in farming upon over four hundred acres of land situated on section 15, Dayton township, has since 1857 lived in Cedar county. His memory compasses the period of early development here as well as of later progress. He can remember when much of the farming was done with machinery that was very primitive in comparison with that in use at the present time; when the homes were small and contained little more than the necessities of life.

Mr. Robinson was born in La Salle, Illinois, March 19, 1855, and is of English lineage. His grandfather, John Robinson, was a native of England and on emigrating to the new world settled in Canada. His son, W. T. Robinson, also born in England, was a lad at the time when the voyage across the Atlantic was made and continued a resident of Canada until after he had attained his majority. He was married in that country to Miss Anna Ernest, a native of New York. He had previously learned the wheelwright's trade and while living in Canada he built and operated mills. Thinking to find better opportunities elsewhere he removed to La Salle, Illinois, where he also worked at his trade until 1857, when he came to Cedar county, Iowa, and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. Making his home in Dayton township, he entered one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government and at once began the development of the farm. Upon that place his remaining days were passed, his death occurring in June, 1902, while his wife, surviving him for five years, was called to her final rest in 1907. Their family numbered but two sons, the brother of our subject being W. E. Robinson, who owns and operates the old home farm.

It was upon that farm that Amos H. Robinson was reared, there living with his father and operating the place for twenty-five years. He has always carried on general agricultural pursuits and his life has been crowned with the success that always follows persistent effort, intelligently directed.

Mr. Robinson was married in Clinton, Iowa, on the 14th of May, 1875, to Miss Mary J. Watkins, a native of Clarion county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Jesse Watkins, who was also born in Clarion county, as was his wife, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Hyle. Mr. Watkins was a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting in 1861 and dying in the service. His widow came west

to Iowa in 1865, settling in Clinton, where Mrs. Robinson was reared and educated.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Robinson began their domestic life on the old home farm but later removed to Clarence, where he did carpentering and concrete work for five years. He afterward rented the Scott farm near Clarence and continued its cultivation for three years, while in the spring of 1910 he removed to the farm upon which he now resides, the place which he rents embracing more than four hundred acres situated on section 15, Dayton township. All the features of the model farm of the twentieth century are there found—good buildings, the latest improved machinery, well kept fences and fine stock. He makes a specialty of raising hogs and from the sales annually derives a good income.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson has been blessed with ten children: Silas, who is now living in Clarence; Pearl, who is married and resides in Clarion, Iowa, where he is manager of the Iowa Telephone Company; Rollie E., now in Wisconsin; Ralph, who is married and resides upon the Scott farm; John; James; Anna Belle, the wife of Charles E. Cole, a practical printer of Grand Junction, Colorado; Nellie, the wife of Frank Thompson, a farmer of Red Oak township; Gladys May, who is attending school in Clarence; and a son, Clarence, who died in 1897 at the age of thirteen months.

With firm belief in the principles of the republican party, A. H. Robinson gives his support thereto save at local elections, when he does not consider party ties in casting his ballot. He has served as road boss and on the petit jury but has never been an office seeker. He has felt that his time and attention were fully occupied by his business affairs, in the control of which he has made steady progress until success in large degree crowns his efforts, making him one of the men of affluence in Dayton township.

JOHN WILLIAM ARGO.

More than half a century has passed since John William Argo became a resident of Cedar county and through the intervening years he has taken a deep interest in all that has pertained to the welfare of the community and in as far as possible has cooperated in measures and movements for the general good. For a long period he was associated with farming interests and is now living retired, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil. He makes his home in Tipton, where he has lived since February, 1902.

He was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, October 13, 1850, a son of John Wesley and Mary Elizabeth (Grandstaff) Argo, who were also natives of the Buckeye state. The ancestry of the Argo family can be traced back to Alexander Argo, a native of Scotland, who, after emigrating to America, settled in Sussex county, Maryland, where he died at the advanced age of one hundred years. His son, William Argo, was born in Sussex county in 1762 and removed thence to Fayette county, Pennsylvania. He was a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal church for sixty-three years and died in that faith in 1845 at the

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age of eighty-three years. His family numbered four sons and eight daughters, all of whom reached years of maturity.

Of this number Jeremiah Argo, the grandfather of John William Argo, was third in order of birth and the last survivor. He was born in Lucine township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, June 21, 1791, about twelve miles from Uniontown, and died April 13, 1881, at the age of ninety years, two months and twenty-seven days. He was fifteen years of age when his father removed to Jefferson county, Ohio, settling about three miles south of the village of Warren. Later he became a resident of Belmont county, Ohio, settling at Wheeling Creek, about three miles from Wheeling, West Virginia. In September, 1812, when in his twentieth year, he attended a camp meeting eighteen miles northwest of Steubenville, Ohio, and was there converted. It was while at that meeting that his mother arrived on the ground, having ridden twelve miles on horseback to inform him that he had been drafted for six months' service in the army. He went into camp at Hiram, Ohio, three miles from Lake Erie, under the command of General W. H. Harrison, and assisted in the construction of Fort Meigs, where he remained until he became ill of camp fever and was discharged twenty days before his term expired. He was married August 26, 1813, to Anna Oxley, a daughter of Britton Oxley. Her death occurred October 17, 1855, when she was sixty-eight years of age. It was in December, 1825, that Jeremiah Argo removed with his family to Muskingum county, Ohio, where he cleared a farm and built a home in the midst of the forest. In 1857 he left the old homestead, where the greater part of his life had been spent, and with one remaining daughter removed to Springfield township, Cedar county, Iowa, where two of his sons and three of his daughters had preceded him. He arrived October 22, 1857, and here continued until his death. His family numbered three sons and six daughters.

Coming to Iowa in 1855, Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Argo spent the greater part of their lives on a farm in Springfield township and thence removed to Clarence, where Mrs. Argo died in 1868 at the age of fifty-nine years. Mr. Argo afterward removed to Lyon county, Iowa, where his death occurred in 1887 when he was sixty-eight years of age. In their family were seven children: Elisha, now deceased; Sabria, the wife of W. M. Ross of Washington; Margaret Jane, the wife of W. H. Green of Little Rock, Iowa; Anna, the wife of Jesse Monk of Missouri; John William, of this review; Jeremiah A., deceased; Nancy, the widow of Henry Hatch of Little Rock, Iowa.

Brought to this country in his early boyhood days, John William Argo pursued his education in the public schools and aided in the work of the home farm in Springfield township until sixteen years of age. He then began farming on his own account, at first renting land, while later he purchased eighty acres in Fairfield township and lived there for thirteen years. He then sold that property, after which he invested in a quarter section on section 35, Fairfield township. That farm continued to be his home throughout the following decade, at the end of which time he sold the property and bought his father-in-law's place of two hundred and eighty acres on sections 33 and 34. Later he purchased one hundred and twenty acres in Center township and in time became the owner of

four hundred acres which he cultivated until his retirement. He afterward rented a farm for a time and on removing to Tipton sold both places. He has resided in the county seat since February, 1902, and is recognized as one of its prominent and influential citizens. At one time he also owned considerable Dakota land but lately has disposed of all of this. He is still the owner of four dwellings in Tipton beside the one which he now occupies. Since taking up his abode in the city he has engaged in buying and shipping live stock. Whatever he undertakes seems bound to succeed, for he is extremely energetic and persevering, and those qualities will largely overcome all difficulties and obstacles that one may meet.

In 1870, Mr. Argo was united in marriage to Miss Ida Jane Walters, who was born near Rochester, this county, June 24, 1850. In 1852 her parents, Henry and Mary (Thompson) Walters, crossed the plains to California with ox-teams and spent four years in that state, after which they returned by way of the isthmus route to New Orleans. When they landed at Panama they found that all of the white people who had landed from the ship that had just previously completed the voyage to that port had been killed by the natives. Mr. Walters was born in Clinton county, Pennsylvania, October 19, 1821, and on attaining his majority left home and found employment on a canal boat plying between Lock Haven and Philadelphia. He afterward removed to Carroll county, Ohio, where he remained for three years, and in the spring of 1846 he arrived in Cedar county, Iowa. On the 27th of January, 1848, he married Mary Thompson and his funeral was conducted on the forty-seventh anniversary of his wedding day. His wife's mother, Mrs. Catharine Thompson, was a daughter of John and Barbara Birely, and was born at Valley Mills, Frederick county, Maryland, March 13, 1805. She was married there to Thomas Thompson on the 3d of December, 1830. Two years later she became a member of the Lutheran church and was ever afterward a consistent Christian. In 1823 she and her husband and one child removed to Germantown, Montgomery county, Ohio, and there Mr. Thompson also joined the church. In the fall of 1843 the family came to Cedar county, Iowa, settling at Pedee in Iowa township. In March, 1854, the health of Mr. Thompson becoming impaired, they removed to Tipton, where he lived retired until his death, on the 1st of November, 1863. His widow afterward resided with her youngest son, P. W. Thompson. She was always interested in the work of the church, in the missionary cause and in the cause of temperance and was actively identified with the Women's Christian Temperance Union. She died while visiting at the home of her eldest granddaughter, Mrs. Gaige, December 30, 1892, at the age of eighty-seven years, nine months and seven days. It was her daughter who became the wife of Henry Walters in 1848. In 1852, as previously stated, they went to California, and after their return to Cedar county, four years later, Mr. Walters engaged in farming. Possessed of more than an ordinary amount of energy and industry, he accumulated property rapidly and several years prior to his death, retired from active labor with a handsome competency. He loved his home and family and made liberal provision for their interests and comforts. For two years he survived his wife, whose death was his most severe loss. He was a good citizen, kind friend and

neighbor, and enjoyed the respect and confidence of all who knew him. Unto him and his wife were born thirteen children: Sarah, now the wife of Robert Gaige of Tipton; Mrs. Argo; John and Robert, both of Tipton; George, living at Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Turner, a resident of Galva, Iowa; Abbie O., the widow of James Fegley of Oregon; Luella, the wife of Frank Gay of Corvallis, Oregon; Harry, living in Galva, and four who died in childhood.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Argo was blessed with eight children: Mary Elizabeth, who is the wife of Howard Sissel and resides two miles south of Tipton; Nellie, who died at the age of three and one-half months; Anna, the wife of Isaac Weaver of Tipton; Edith Viola, the wife of John Blair of Riceville, Iowa; Oral L., the wife of Omer Tracht of Riceville; Otis H., of Riceville, who was a twin brother of Oral and married Grace D. Gay; Walter W., of Tipton, who married Lydia A. Spear; and Vern Earl, who married Eva Shoestall.

In his political views Mr. Argo has long been a stalwart republican, giving unfaltering support to the men and measures of the party. For the past six years he has served as justice of the peace and has discharged his duties with promptness and fidelity. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian church and in its work take an active and helpful part. Mr. and Mrs. Argo spent the summer of 1909 on the Pacific coast, attending the Seattle Fair and Exposition and visiting other points of interest. As one of the pioneer settlers of the county, Mr. Argo is widely known here. He has witnessed the greater part of the growth and development of this section of the state as the work of general improvement and progress has been carried forward. He relates many interesting incidents of the early days and rejoices in what has been accomplished, at all times having borne his part in the tasks that confronted the early settlers in their efforts to reclaim this region for the purposes of civilization.

J. H. WHARTON.

J. H. Wharton has spent almost his entire life in Cedar county and is today the owner of the old Wharton homestead in Inland township. He was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, on the 21st of July, 1857, and is a representative of an old and honored family, his grandfather, James Wharton, Sr., having been a soldier of the war of 1812. He was born August 28, 1792, and accompanied the family on their removal to this county, making his home with his son James until his death, which occurred on the 10th of November, 1862. He was a very religious man and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Ellen B. Quimby, was born August 14, 1796, and died in Ohio, December 21, 1860.

James Wharton, Jr., the father of our subject, was also a native of Guernsey county, Ohio, his birth occurring May 11, 1820. In the Buckeye state he was reared and educated and continued to make his home there until the '50s, when he came to Cedar county, Iowa, and purchased four hundred acres of land in Inland township, paying seven and a half dollars per acre. The place at that time was slightly improved and to its further development and cultiva-

tion he devoted his time and energies for many years. He continued to reside upon this farm until called to his final rest in 1895, at the age of seventy-two years. He was a lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal church and took an active part in its work. For several years he served as township school treasurer and gave his support to all measures which he believed calculated to promote the moral or material welfare of his community. On the 5th of May, 1847, he married Miss Jane Ballou, who died on the 10th of November, 1862, and he was again married August 6, 1868, his second union being with Rachel Young, now deceased. The children by his first marriage were: John S., who was born February 9, 1849, and died in Milwaukee; Charles, who was born July 24, 1850, and died in Ohio, May 15, 1855; Mary Amanda, who was born November 12, 1854, and married Andrew Sleeth, of Cedar county, and is now deceased; and J. H., of this review. There was one child by the second union, Anna Bell, now the wife of J. E. Harris, of Inland township.

J. H. Wharton accompanied his parents on their removal to this state and in Cedar county he passed the days of his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner of farm lads. He always remained under the parental roof and came into possession of the old homestead upon the death of his father. He was married February 5, 1885, to Miss Clara Bell Parker, a native of Scott county, Iowa, and a daughter of Jackson and Elizabeth Parker. Her father is now deceased but her mother is still living at the age of eighty-nine years and makes her home with our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Wharton have five children, namely: John E., Andrew F. and James William, all at home; Carrie Bell, the wife of Clyde Ayres; and Wave Elizabeth, at home.

JOHN MONAHAN.

John Monahan, deceased, was for many years one of the prominent farmers of Cedar county, where he had made his home for a long period. His birth occurred in County Mayo, Ireland, but at the age of fourteen years he came to the United States with his parents who located in Vermont. There he grew to manhood and was married on the 3d of October, 1857, to Jane McCormick, also a native of County Mayo, Ireland, who was born on the 15th of August, 1837, and was brought to the United States when sixteen years of age, her family also locating in the Green Mountain state. It was in 1858 that Mr. Monahan and his wife came to Iowa and located on a farm four and one-half miles south of Clarence in Fairfield township, where he purchased two hundred and forty acres of land, retaining the same up to the time of his death. Later, however, he purchased the Jacob Snyder farm near Tipton, comprising a quarter section, and upon that place continued to reside until called to his final rest April 7, 1891, at the age of fifty-nine years. At that time he was the owner of four hundred acres of very valuable and well improved land, all of which was acquired through his own untiring efforts, for on starting out in life for himself he was without capital and was compelled to make his way in the world unaided. In connection with general farming, he was also considerably interested in the raising and breeding of fast horses.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Monahan were born ten children, of whom George is now a resident of Tipton and John of Chicago, while Elizabeth, the wife of John Early, makes her home in Davenport. Michael R. attended a school of telegraphy at Janesville, Wisconsin, and at the age of sixteen years was given the position of telegraph operator and station agent. A few years later he was sent to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where he was cashier in the railroad office of the Wisconsin Central and later became auditor in the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad office at Chicago, but at the time of his death was at the head of a railroad agency in the latter city, where he passed away at the age of twenty-nine years. Charles, the next of the family, is now a resident of Des Moines, Iowa. Anna married John Dean, a resident of Ottawa, Kansas, who died October 5, 1903, and she now makes her home in Tipton, owning and occupying one of the finest residences of the city. She has two children, Evangeline K., now a student ot Notre Dame, near South Bend, Indiana, and Genevieve, who is attending school in Tipton. Frank lives on the home farm in Fairfield township. William is a resident of Kansas City. Harry makes his home in Tipton. Mary is the wife of Henry Lohman of Clarence, Iowa. Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Monahan has lived in Tipton and has become widely and favorably known here.

Although Mr. Monahan started out in life for himself empty-handed, he always made the best use of his advantages and at the time of his death was regarded as one of the most prosperous farmers of his community. He was able to give his children good educational advantages and he reared a family of which any parent may be justly proud.

WILLIAM FORD.

William Ford, who has continuously resided in Center township for seventy-two years, devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career and is still the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres but has lived retired in Tipton since 1901. His birth occurred in Logan county, Ohio, on the 24th of July, 1831, his parents being Andrew and Jane (Smith) Ford. The father was born in Virginia on the 8th of May, 1803, while the mother's natal day was April 22, 1811. They were married in Ohio and subsequently removed to Indiana, where they spent a year and a half. On the expiration of that period in 1838, they came to Cedar county, Iowa, arriving here in March of that year. They crossed the Mississippi river at Rockingham and made the journey with ox and horse teams, locating three miles south of the present site of Tipton. They experienced all of the hardships and privations of frontier life and were numbered among those sturdy pioneer settlers whose efforts contributed to the early development and upbuilding of this part of the state. Andrew Ford spent the last few years of his life in Lucas county, Iowa, passing away on the 16th of February, 1893, when ninety years of age. He was twice married, his second union being with Miss Sarah McCoy, by whom he had three children, namely: Andrew, who is a resident of Kansas City; Sarah,

living in Chicago; and Eleanor. Unto Andrew Ford and his first wife were born six children, as follows: William, Mary Jane, Robert, Dean, Isabelle and Nancy. All are now deceased with the exception of our subject.

William Ford, who was a lad of seven years when brought to this county by his parents, remained at home until the time of his marriage and then purchased a tract of land east of Tipton, where he carried on his agricultural interests continuously and successfully throughout the remainder of his active business career. He has lived retired in Tipton since 1901 but still retains possession of his farm, comprising two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land three and a half miles east of the town.

In December, 1859, Mr. Ford was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Morgan, who was born in Cedar county, Iowa, on the 1st of November, 1839, her parents being Jonathan and Elizabeth (Mintor) Morgan, natives of Virginia and Kentucky respectively. The father came to this county from Indiana in 1836, locating on a farm three miles south of Tipton, where he spent the remainder of his life, passing away on the 29th of November, 1863, at the age of seventy-nine years. He won an extensive circle of friends during the period of his residence here and many will long remember his genial countenance. Unto him and his wife were born two children: Mrs. Ford; and Ruth, who is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Ford were the parents of the following children: Lewis, who died when two years of age; Ida M., at home; Walter, living in Ida county, Iowa; Herman, likewise at home; and Jed, who is a resident of Ida Grove, Iowa. The wife and mother passed away on the home farm in Center township, her demise occurring on the 27th of September, 1895.

As above stated, Mr. Ford has continuously resided within the borders of Cedar county for more than seven decades and he is therefore largely familiar with its annals from pioneer times down to the present. He witnessed the erection of the first building in Tipton—a little hewed log structure which served as a store. He has now passed the seventy-ninth milestone on life's journey and that his career has been an upright and honorable one is indicated by the fact that the associates of his boyhood and youth are still numbered among his stanch friends and admirers.

JAMES HENRY FULWIDER.

To the untiring efforts and unfaltering perseverance of her pioneers Iowa owes her transformation from wild prairie land into one of the richest and most productive farming sections of the United States, and prominent on the list of old settlers is the name of James Henry Fulwider, who has been a resident of Cedar county for more than seven decades, and throughout that period has been closely identified with the work of development and improvement which has been carried forward within its borders.

One of Virginia's native sons, his birth occurred on the 30th of May, 1832, in Greenbrier county, now a part of West Virginia. His parents, John and Sally (Kincaid) Fulwider, were also natives of the Old Do-

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minion, the father's birth occurring in Augusta county in June, 1797, and the mother's in Bath county, March 15, 1801. They were married in Greenbrier county and in 1836 left Virginia and removed to Champaign county, Ohio, where they made their home for nearly three years. They next removed to Missouri but remained only a few months in that state, after which they came to Cedar county, Iowa, arriving in December, 1839, and here their remaining days were spent, the mother's death occurring in 1843, while the father survived until September 24, 1880. In their family were nine children, as follows: Allie, the deceased wife of James Jeffers; Anthony, residing in Sugar Creek township; Elizabeth, the deceased wife of Jacob Ridenour; James Henry, of this review; Harriet, now deceased; Mary, who wedded Jacob Ridenour after the death of her sister Elizabeth and who has also passed away; Eliza, the deceased wife of Isaac Pletcher; Amanda, who married Silas Hardman of Grandview, Iowa; and Sarah Virginia, who has passed away.

James Henry Fulwider was a little lad of seven years when the family arrived in Cedar county and amid the conditions which existed during the pioneer epoch in the history of this county he spent his youthful days. With the other members of the family he shared in the hardships and privations incident to life on the frontier and assisted his father in the difficult task of opening up a new farm. At any early age he began breaking prairie, driving four and six yokes of oxen, and while thus engaged broke a large amount of land, consisting of both prairie and hazel brush. Later he became identified with threshing, operating a thresher for thirty seasons, and in the meantime, in 1854, met with an accident while running the machinery which cost him the loss of his right leg. Nothing daunted, however, by this physical handicap, he continued in the threshing business for some time with most gratifying success. Subsequently, however, he took up general farming and with the passing years so prospered in his undertakings that he became the owner of four hundred acres of land, all in one body. Much of this, however, he has since given to his children, and he now makes his home on a tract of one hundred and sixty acres, eighty acres of which is located on section 32, Rochester township, and constitutes the old homestead, while the other half lies on section 33, Center township. The place is in excellent condition, the fields having been brought under a high state of cultivation, and all improvements thereon have been made by Mr. Fulwider. With the energy and perseverance characteristic of the old pioneers he has carried on his agricultural interests, and his well directed efforts during the many years of his connection with farming have been crowned with a success which clearly indicates the ability which he has displayed in this field of activity.

In 1861 Mr. Fulwider was united in marriage to Miss Martha E. Barclay, who was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, on the 18th of August, 1843, a daughter of John and Eleanor (McCracken) Barclay. The parents were also natives of that county, the father's birth occurring on the 9th of February, 1808, and the mother's on May 27, 1811. The latter passed away in Cumberland county when the daughter was but twenty months old, after which the father removed to Medina county, Ohio. There he remained until the daughter was ten years of age, when he went to Mount Vernon, Linn county, Iowa, making that his home for three years. Later he came to Cedar county, where his re-

maining days were spent, his death occurring in Center township on the 18th of January, 1898. Had he lived until the 9th of February following he would have reached his ninetieth year. He had been a miller in early life, but after his arrival in Iowa he became identified with agricultural pursuits here. He was again married after the death of his first wife, by whom he had six children, and by his second union were born eight children.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Fulwider was blessed with three children, as follows: Eliza Ella, the wife of Thomas Wirick, of Englewood, California; John B., a farmer of Rochester township, who, however, is residing temporarily in Mount Vernon, there educating his three sons and three daughters; and Howard Anthony, who married Minnie E. Hestwood and makes his home with his father.

Mr. Fulwider's religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of South Bethel. He has always been a faithful, active worker in the church, serving as trustee and steward, and his life record has ever been in harmony with its teachings. In his fraternal relations he belongs to Golden Rule Lodge, No. 24, A. F. & A. M., at Rochester, and to Alhambra Lodge, No. 8, I. O. O. F., at Tipton, and is in hearty sympathy with the principles of brotherly love and helpfulness which underlie those orders. Interested as all American citizens should be in the political situation of the country, he has thoroughly informed himself concerning the questions and issues of the day and gives stalwart support to the democratic party. He has filled most of the township offices and has also been called to several county offices, all of which he has declined. Connected with the history of Cedar county since its early formative period, he has ever nobly assisted in establishing and maintaining the material interests, legal status and moral welfare of his community, and his life record has become inseparably interwoven with the history of this section of the state, being numbered among Cedar county's most honored and valued citizens.

ENOS PARK.

Among the native sons of Cedar county who still continue to reside within its borders is Enos Park, one of the representative agriculturists of Linn township, owning and operating a fine farm of one hundred and eighty acres on section 10. He was born in that township on the 5th of October, 1857, and is a son of G. W. Park, who was born and reared in Tennessee and from that state removed to Indiana, where he married Miss Maria Brouton. She was a native of Pennsylvania but was reared in the Hoosier state. On leaving Indiana the father came to Iowa and settled in Cedar county, being among the pioneers of this region. He entered one hundred and twenty acres of land in Linn township and at once turned his attention to its improvement and cultivation and as he prospered in his farming operations added to his property until he had three hundred and twenty acres. For a time he was engaged in the hotel business in Mechanicsville but later returned to the farm, though he subsequently conducted a restaurant in town. His last years, however, were spent upon his farm, where

he died about forty years ago. His widow still survives him and has now reached the age of eighty-eight years. In their family were three sons, who are still living, the brothers of our subject being John and George Park, prominent farmers of Linn township, who are represented on another page of this volume.

In much the usual manner of farm boys Enos Park was reared and educated and continued with his father until the latter's death when the estate was divided and he inherited one hundred acres. He has since purchased an eighty-acre tract and is now the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and eighty acres, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and improved by the erection of good substantial buildings. His residence is heated by a furnace and is supplied with water, being quite modern and up-to-date in all its appointments. Mr. Park has always given considerable attention to the raising of high grade stock, making a specialty of Aberdeen Angus cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs, fattening about a carload of the latter for the market annually.

On the 7th of September, 1884, Mr. Park was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Kamerling, and they have become the parents of two children, Harry O. and Edna May. The family attend the Presbyterian church at Mechanicsville and Mr. Park supports the democratic party by his ballot, but has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office. He is one of the successful business men of his locality, is progressive and public-spirited, and well merits the high regard in which he is universally held.

MARK H. DAVIDSON.

Mark H. Davidson, one of the active and progressive farmers, stock raisers and feeders of Fremont township, owns and operates a neat and well improved place of four hundred acres on section 33. This farm has remained his home from his birth to the present time, his natal day being December 26, 1866.

His father, James Davidson, a native of County Monahan, Ireland, was born February 10, 1829, and was brought to the new world by his parents, the family home being established in Connecticut. In that state he grew to manhood and then came west to Cedar county, Iowa, here entering and improving a tract of land. As his financial resources increased he extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase until it embraced four hundred acres. Later he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Red Oak township and the same amount in Dayton township and also had fifteen acres of timber land, owning at the time of his death seven hundred and thirty-five acres of valuable land in this county. In 1881 he erected on his home farm a commodious and attractive brick residence, three large barns, a granary and in fact all necessary buildings for the shelter of grain and stock. He likewise planted fruit, evergreen and shade trees and laid out a nice lawn. In connection with the tilling of the soil he also devoted considerable attention to the raising and feeding of stock and met with success in both branches of his business, becoming widely recognized as one of the substantial and representative citizens of the community.

After putting aside the active work of the fields James Davidson removed to Stanwood and there spent his remaining days in honorable retirement, passing away in Stanwood, December 23, 1900. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Ann Collins, was likewise born in Ireland, September 22, 1830, and came to the United States as a child. Her father, John Collins, first took up his abode in Connecticut but later settled in this county. Mrs. Davidson still survives her husband and resides in Stanwood. She is the mother of five children: Elizabeth, who died in 1876; Mary, who died in 1896; Stephen M., who is engaged in merchandising in Stanwood; Mark H., of this review; and Rev. Walter C., a minister of the United Presbyterian church, who is now living in Emporia, Kansas.

Mark H. Davidson was reared under the parental roof and attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education. After his father's demise he purchased the interests of the other heirs in the old family homestead and the property has since remained in his possession. He cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and is likewise engaged in the live-stock business, raising, feeding and fattening from four to five carloads of Duroc Jersey hogs annually. He ships his own stock and each winter feeds one or two carloads of sheep which he buys in the west. Alert, energetic and enterprising, he has won prosperity in his undertakings and has gained an extensive acquaintance throughout Cedar, Johnson, Jones and adjoining counties. He is a stockholder and director of the Stanwood Bank.

On the 23d of December, 1896, in Stanwood, Mr. Davidson was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary E. Hoyman, who was born, reared and educated in this county and followed the profession of teaching here for a few years. Her father, Henry S. Hoyman, was one of the early settlers of Cedar county. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson are the parents of four children: Miriam, William H., Caroline and James M.

In politics Mr. Davidson is independent, voting for men and measures rather than party. He keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but has never cared for office. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the United Presbyterian church at Stanwood. Both he and his wife have always lived in this county and are highly esteemed as people of genuine personal worth, the circle of their friends being almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances.

WILLIAM MATHER.

William Mather has been a resident of Cedar county for fifty-nine years and has not only witnessed the remarkable changes which have here occurred but has been a factor in the events which have marked the development and upbuilding of the county. He was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, November 11, 1844, but since June, 1851, has been a resident of Cedar county whither he came with his parents, Samuel and Lydia E. (Evans) Mather. The father was born in Pennsylvania in 1805, while the mother's birth occurred in Ohio

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in 1808. Samuel Mather devoted his life to farming and died in Kansas in 1888, while his wife passed away in Cedar county in 1877. They had removed westward from Ohio in 1851 and settled a mile east of the village of Springdale, where for many years the father carried on general farming. In their family were thirteen children, eleven of whom came to Iowa in 1851, while two of the number died in infancy. Of the others Hannah and Rebecca are now deceased; John resides a half mile east of Springdale, where he carries on general farming; Philip died in 1868; Mrs. Anna M. Simonds is a resident of Gower township; Mrs. Rachel E. Negus is living two and one-half miles north of West Branch; Mrs. Lydia E. Witter died in West Branch in 1871; William is the next of the family; Samuel is living one mile east of Springdale; Daniel makes his home in Indianapolis, Indiana; and Charles E. is a resident of Springdale.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for William Mather in the days of his boyhood and youth save his advent in Iowa. He was six years of age when he arrived here and upon the old home farm east of Springdale he spent his youth, remaining with his parents until he had attained his majority. He supplemented his early education, acquired in the district schools, by two terms in a select Friends school. His education was pursued through the winter months, while in the summer seasons he worked on the farm, thus gaining a practical knowledge of the best methods of tilling the fields and caring for the crops. In early manhood he engaged in teaching school for five or six winter terms and for one term was teacher of the high school of Springdale.

Much of his time and attention, however, have been given to farming and from early manhood he has been the owner of property. He has today one hundred and sixty-one acres in the home farm, a part of which lies within the village limits of Springdale. He also owns a half interest in two hundred acres of land in connection with his brother Charles, situated half a mile north of the village. His agricultural interests have ever been carefully conducted, and his sound business judgment and sagacity, combined with unfaltering industry, have been strong elements in his prosperity. Moreover, in 1874 he was elected secretary of the Springdale Mutual Fire Insurance Company and has since occupied that position. In 1876 he and his brother Charles established a general mercantile store in Springdale under the firm name of Mather Brothers and continued the business with success until 1896, when they disposed of their stock of general merchandise but have since conducted a drug business under the old firm name. Since 1884 William Mather has been one of the directors of the Peoples Bank of West Liberty and in all of these different connections has displayed an aptitude for successful management together with a determined purpose that has enabled him to overcome all the difficulties and obstacles in his path.

Mr. Mather was married in 1871 to Miss Elma Negus, who was born in 1851 in Iowa township, this county, and is a daughter of Elisha and Elvira (Fawcett) Negus, both of whom were natives of Ohio, where they were reared and married. They arrived here in 1849 and spent their remaining days in Cedar county. The father, who was born in January, 1825, passed away in 1884, and

the mother, who was born in 1822, now makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Mather at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. They were the parents of five children: Mrs. Mather; Mary, the wife of J. T. Rood of the Isle of Pines; Rachel, the wife of Ebenezer Fogg, living one and one-half miles southeast of Springdale; Henry, who married Alice Heppenstall and lives in Iowa City; Esther, the wife of William B. Ellison, living a mile east of Springdale.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Mather have been born two children, Mary and Carl H. The former is now the wife of the Rev. Sylvester Jones, who is doing missionary work at Gibara, Cuba, where they have represented the Society of Friends since 1900. Both are graduates of Penn College of the class of 1900 and in that year were married. Unto them have been born three sons: Robert C., Wilfred V. and Louis Edward. Carl H. Mather is a graduate of Penn College, Oskaloosa, of the class of 1900 and of the law department of the State University at Iowa City of the class of 1903. He practiced for a time at Clarence and for the past two years has practiced both in Tipton and Clarence but makes his home in the former city. He is a member of the law firm of Hamiel & Mather. In 1903 he married Miss Jennie H. Hamiel, and they have one daughter, Maurine Elma.

As far back as is known the family have been connected with the Society of Friends. They hold membership in the church at Springdale and Mr. Mather has held official positions in the church and has also been a director of Penn College at Oskaloosa, Iowa, for the past twelve years, this school being conducted under the auspices of the Society of Friends. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and for twenty-two consecutive years he has served as township clerk, while for two terms he has filled the office of assessor. No public trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree, and he is equally loyal to the ties of home and friendship. He is a dependable man under all circumstances and those with whom he has been longest associated and who have had the best opportunity to judge of his life speak of him only in terms of praise.

D. W. McCROSKEY.

D. W. McCroskey, one of the substantial agriculturists and representative citizens of Cedar county, is a native of Ohio, born November 6, 1839, in Clark county, five miles southwest of Springfield. His parents were Joseph and Christiana (Anderson) McCroskey, both of whom were born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, the former on the 7th of June, 1806, and the latter March 10, 1810. They were reared and educated in their native state, remaining there until after their marriage, and in 1830 they removed to Ohio, where they made their home for seventeen years. It was on the 27th of September, 1847, that they arrived in Cedar county, Iowa, which continued to be their home throughout the remainder of their lives. Here the father purchased land for six dollars an acre and from time to time added to his property as his financial resources increased until he owned five hundred and ten acres of very valuable land. He

was a hard-working and energetic man and to his own unaided efforts was attributed his success. He died on the old homestead, September 11, 1865, and his wife passed away on the 28th of January, 1880. Unto this worthy couple were born the following children: Mary, the wife of Harvey Leach; Martha, the wife of William Kyle; Robert; Joseph, who died in childhood in Ohio; Esterline; Aaron, who was killed at the age of sixteen years; D. W., of this review, who is the only one of the family now living; William, who died at the age of sixteen years; Harvey, who died at the age of four years, and John, deceased. Three of the sons and two of the daughters lived to maturity and were married. During the Civil war Robert enlisted from Cedar county in the Twenty-fourth Iowa Regiment and was taken ill at Memphis after two years' service and died in the hospital at St. Louis, leaving a widow but no children.

D. W. McCroskey spent the first eight years of his life in his native state and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Cedar county, Iowa. They traveled across the country and were three weeks in making the trip. Arriving in this state, they located on the farm where our subject now resides and here he has made his home continuously since. When old enough to be of any assistance he began to aid in the work of the farm and as time passed he became thoroughly familiar with the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He eventually came into possession of the old homestead, comprising five hundred and ten acres, but has since disposed of some of this and now owns two hundred and twelve and one-half acres on section 21, Center township. He still occupies the residence erected by his father but has made many improvements on the place, which is today known as the "Blue Grass Stock Farm." In connection with general farming he devotes considerable attention to the raising of roan shorthorn cattle and Poland China and Duroc Jersey hogs. He also raises peacocks and pea hens, of which he has a large flock, and at one time gave considerable attention to the raising of fine horses but at present is not interested in that business.

On the 1st of November, 1859, Mr. McCroskey was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Gay, who was born in Virginia, December 14, 1835, and came with her parents, George and Susan Gay, to this state in early life. She died on the 13th of May, 1888. Of the five children born of this union: William is now a resident of Center township; Eva L. died at the age of three years; Andrew H., who was born February 8, 1868, died at the age of one year; Lucy C. is the wife of Charles Wright, of Atalissa, Iowa, and George W. is a resident of Rochester township, this county.

Mr. McCroskey was again married October 25, 1888, his second union being with Hattie L. McQuillen, whose birth occurred in Inland township, this county, October 20, 1864, her parents being Cyrus and Susan (Pentico) McQuillen who were early settlers of this locality, coming here from Pennsylvania. Her father, who was born October 8, 1832, died April 17, 1875, but her mother is still living and resides on the old home farm. Mr. McCroskey's second marriage has been blessed by two children, namely; Pyra Ethellinn and Harry E., both at home.

By his ballot Mr. McCroskey supports the men and measures of the democratic party, which has always found in him a stanch supporter of its principles.

He has been called upon to fill various township and school offices, the duties of which he has most faithfully and conscientiously performed. He is one of the leading citizens of his community and is a man honored and esteemed wherever known.

A. E. KELLY.

A. E. Kelly, living on section 19, Dayton township, is the owner of four hundred and ninety acres of valuable land, known as the Linn Grove Stock Farm. This place is pleasantly and conveniently situated within two miles of Clarence, affording him excellent shipping facilities. The name of his place indicates the chief feature of his business and in its careful conduct he is meeting with well merited success.

A native of Clinton county, Iowa, he was born September 1, 1872, and is a son of Robert Kelly, whose birth occurred in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1839. To the age of eleven years Robert Kelly remained a resident of the Keystone state and then came to Iowa with his father, Adam Kelly, who was one of the first settlers of Clinton county. Amid pioneer surroundings and environment there Robert Kelly was reared to manhood. He returned to Pennsylvania, however, for his bride, being married in the Keystone state to Miss Kate Billhammer. His time and energies were devoted to farming in Clinton county and upon the land which he there owned, in the vicinity of the town of Clinton, he reared his family. For many years he continued to carry on general farming and in that way acquired a competence that enabled him at length to put aside further business cares. Removing to Clinton, he there resided throughout the last seven years of his life in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. His wife passed away in 1900.

A. E. Kelly spent his youthful days in Clinton county and the common schools afforded him his early educational privileges, which were supplemented by a two years' course in the Clinton high school and two years' study in Monmouth College at Monmouth, Illinois. After putting aside his text-books he returned to the home farm, of which he took charge, conducting it for ten years, his labors being attended with a gratifying measure of success. His early training was of a practical character and brought him the knowledge and experience that enabled him to profitably carry on his labors as the years passed.

On the 15th of March, 1893, Mr. Kelly was married in Elvira, Clinton county, to Miss Kate Mahon, who was born, reared and educated in that county and was a daughter of George Mahon. Ten years later Mr. Kelly purchased his present farm, becoming the owner of four hundred and ten acres on section 10, Dayton township. He has since repaired and remodeled his residence and has also built a good tenant house on the place. There are also three or four large barns and substantial outbuildings for the shelter of grain, stock and farm machinery, and altogether the place is a splendidly improved property, the boundaries of which he has extended by an additional purchase of eighty acres. He makes a business of buying and feeding cattle and hogs and annually fattens for the

market about twenty-five carloads of cattle, hogs and sheep. He is one of the most extensive feeders in Dayton township. He was also one of the promoters and stockholders of the First National Bank of Clarence and in business affairs displays keen discrimination and sound judgment so that his labors have been uniformly successful.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have been born three sons, Robert G., Glen L. and Lester D. The parents are members of the Clarence Presbyterian church, in the work of which they are actively interested. Politically Mr. Kelly is a republican but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him, as he prefers to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He is a worker—one of Dayton township's most industrious citizens. Moreover, he is public-spirited and cooperates in all measures for the general good. He has widely utilized his time and talents and as the years have passed his close application and perseverance in business matters have won him a place among the men of affluence in his adopted county.

GEORGE H. BURROUGHS.

The agricultural interests of Cedar county find a worthy and successful representative in George H. Burroughs, who is actively engaged in farming and stock-raising on section 14, Pioneer township. His place comprises almost one hundred acres of rich and productive land and is situated within one mile of the corporation limits of Mechanicsville. His birth occurred in Jones county, Iowa, on the 5th of December, 1874, his father being Andrew Burroughs, a native of Ohio. The latter is a son of Thomas Burroughs, who took up his abode among the earliest settlers of Jones county, Iowa. Andrew Burroughs grew to manhood in that county and there married Miss Anna Miller, who was born and reared in Jones county. Her father, Elias Miller, came to Iowa from Pennsylvania at an early day. Andrew Burroughs still survives and is one of the well known agriculturists and respected citizens of Jones county.

George H. Burroughs was reared and educated in his native county and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. He was married when a young man of twenty-seven and began his domestic life on a farm in Cedar county, which he had purchased a short time prior to his marriage and which has remained his place of abode continuously since. The property comprises ninety-two acres of land on section 14, Pioneer township. Mr. Burroughs has erected thereon a commodious, attractive and modern residence, heated by furnace and equipped with all the conveniences of a model city home. The house is surrounded by a well kept lawn and a grove of evergreen trees further enhances the attractiveness of the place. His farm is one of the most highly improved in the township and is divided into fields of convenient size by woven-wire fences. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he is also engaged in the raising and feeding of stock, making a specialty of registered and high grade shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs. A

man of excellent business ability, strict integrity and genuine personal worth, he is uniformly respected and esteemed and enjoys a wide acquaintance in Cedar, Jones and Linn counties.

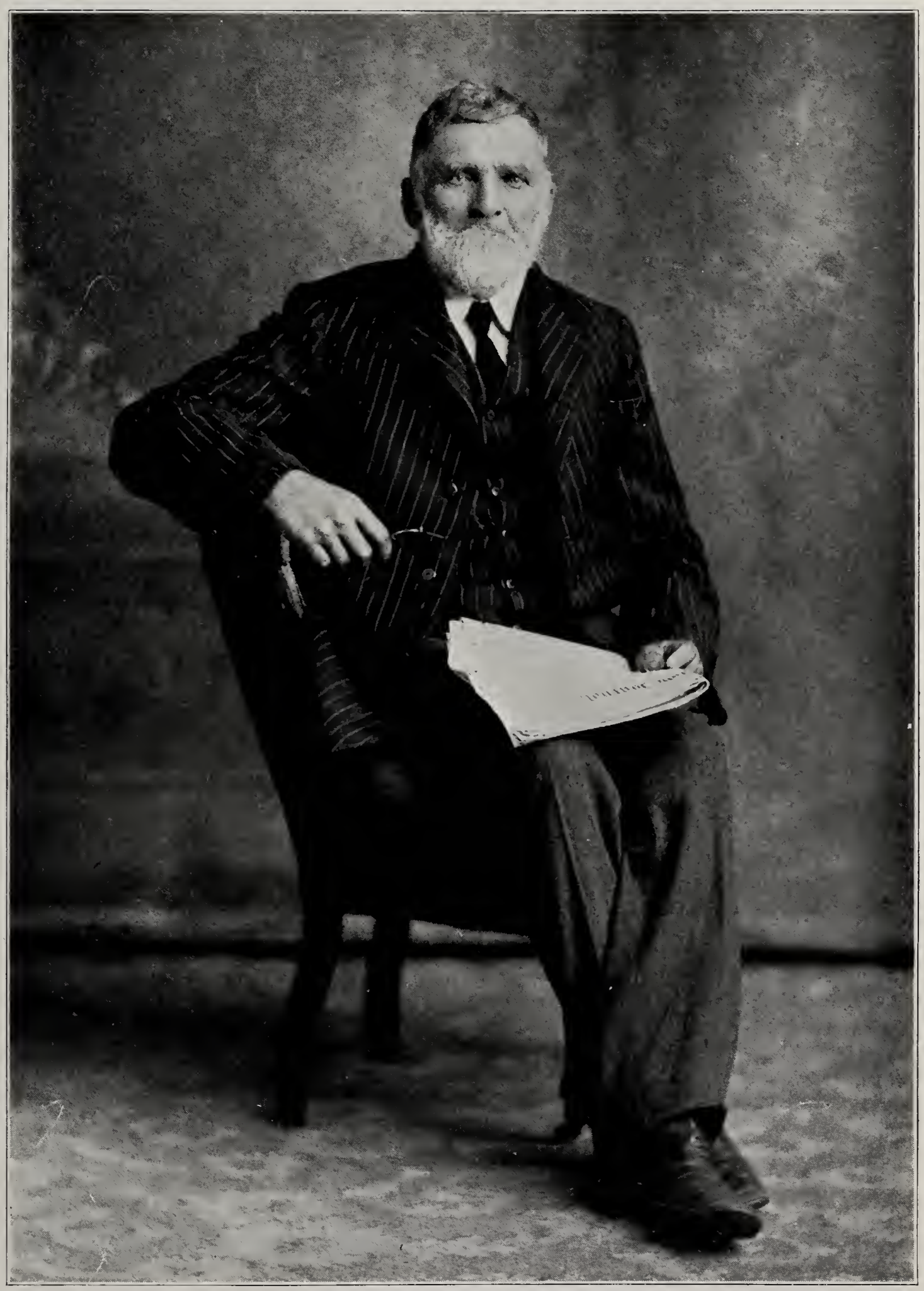
On the 25th of February, 1902, in Pioneer township, Cedar county, Mr. Burroughs was united in marriage to Miss Clara Bell Andre, who was born, reared and educated here and is a graduate of the Lisbon high school. Her father, L. H. Andre, is now living retired in Mechanicsville but was actively identified with general agricultural pursuits in Pioneer township for a number of years. He acted as a member of the board of county supervisors for some years and also served as township trustee and in other positions of public trust and responsibility. Unto our subject and his wife has been born a daughter, Alwilda Ione Burroughs.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Burroughs has supported the men and measures of the democracy but has never sought office as a reward for his party fealty. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church at Mechanicsville. His wife is also one of its valued members and active workers and teaches a class in the Sunday school. Their home is the abode of a warm-hearted and generous hospitality, which is greatly enjoyed by their many friends.

J. R. CLANEY.

J. R. Claney needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for he has a wide acquaintance in Dayton township and Cedar county, having lived in this section of the state since 1869. Forty-one years have wrought many changes here and during that period Mr. Claney has borne his full share in the work of general progress and improvement, while specializing along agricultural lines his efforts have been most effective. He is busily engaged in the cultivation of a farm of two hundred and twenty acres on section 8, which he owns.

Born in Holmes county, Ohio, his natal day was September 4, 1866. His parents were James and Harriett (Korns) Claney. The father was a native of Holmes county, Ohio, born in 1831, and his youthful experiences were those that fell to the lot of farm lads during pioneer days in that state. When he had reached adult age he sought a companion and helpmate for life's journey and married Miss Korns, who was also born and reared in Holmes county, Ohio. For some years thereafter he devoted his time and energies to farming in the Buckeye state and during that period five children were born unto him and his wife. In 1869, however, he came to Iowa, establishing his home in Cedar county, where he rented land which he cultivated for a few years. He then bought eighty acres of the present farm and at once began to till the fields. Ambitious to own a larger tract, however, he soon invested in one hundred and ten acres, constituting one of the best farms in that locality. Upon this place are good buildings and all the accessories and equipment of a modern farm. The addition which he made to the house has converted it into a comfortable modern resi-



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dence. He also built barns, sheds and cribs, set out an orchard and fenced the entire place. He continued to develop and improve the property until his death, which occurred March 5, 1910, when he had reached the age of seventy-nine years. He had long survived his wife, who died in the fall of 1869. They had two sons, the brother of our subject being Frank Claney, now a resident of Cedar Rapids. The daughters of the household are: Ella, who is acting as housekeeper for her brother, J. R. Claney, and owns a part of the farm; and Orpha, the wife of A. W. Berryhill, of Gresham, Nebraska.

J. R. Claney spent his youthful days on the home farm, was educated in the schools near by and remained with his father until the latter's death. He and his sister Ella afterward purchased the interest of the other heirs to the property and now own the place. J. R. Claney took charge of and carried on the farm for ten years prior to his father's death, and its excellent condition is largely due to his efforts. He has made the needed repairs, has fenced the land, has built a machine house and remodeled the barn. He not only raises grain but also high grade stock and fattens and feeds about one hundred and fifty head of hogs each year for the market. He also feeds some cattle and is recognized as a man of good business ability and keen discernment, meeting with success in what he undertakes.

In his political views Mr. Claney is a democrat and his sister is a member of St. John's church. For forty-one years he has been a resident of this county and has well established himself in an enviable position among the representative agriculturists and valued citizens of this part of the state.

ISAAC B. JOHNSON.

During the pioneer epoch in the history of Cedar county Isaac B. Johnson took up his abode here, arriving in 1857, after a year's residence in Scott county, Iowa. The pioneers are fast passing away. The courageous men and women who marked out the paths and established homes where previously the red race had its hunting ground—these men and women are entitled to all the honors that have been awarded them and the record of their achievements will in the years to come be an inspiration to youth and a constant incentive to mature age. Among the early settlers of Cedar county Isaac B. Johnson is numbered and is today one of its valuable citizens, being now in the eighty-second year of his age. He was born in Andover, Massachusetts, December 27, 1828, and was reared upon a farm in that locality. A comparison of the relative advantages of the east and the west led him to the determination of trying his fortune beyond the Mississippi, and, making his way to Iowa in 1856, he settled in Scott county. The following year he came to Cedar county and his first purchase of land made him the owner of forty acres near Mechanicsville. This he cleared and improved, developing a farm to which he added from time to time as his financial resources permitted of further purchase.

That he might have a helpmate for the journey of life and a companion in his new home he was married in the spring of 1857 to Miss Frances Elizabeth

Shattuck, a native of New Hampshire, who was reared in the old Granite state and in Troy, New York. Her father, Franklin Shattuck, was a native of Massachusetts and represented one of the old families of that state. Following his marriage Mr. Johnson located in Mechanicsville, where he engaged in the ice business, and later entered the service of the Northwestern Railroad Company, settling taxes for the company for many years. He also carried on agricultural pursuits and conducted the ice business and found in these various fields of activity a source of profit that in due time won him place among the men of affluence in the community.

In March, 1906, Mr. Johnson was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife. There were six children of that marriage, but four died in childhood, those still living being C. W., who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; and Ira Clifford, who is married and resides in Mechanicsville, occupying a part of the Johnson residence. He is employed by the Northwestern Railroad Company, engaging in bridge building and other work. He has one son, Clifford Francis. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac B. Johnson also reared and educated an adopted daughter, Clara M. Hyde, who is a nice of Mrs. Johnson and is now acting as housekeeper for her uncle.

In his political views Mr. Johnson has been a strong republican since the organization of the party. He served on the school board here for a number of years and also was a member of the town council. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is one of the trustees, and he is a patriarch of the Masonic fraternity of Mechanicsville, being the last survivor of the charter members of the lodge at this place. He had previously joined the organization in Massachusetts and after coming to the west he served as lodge treasurer in Mechanicsville for a number of years. For fifty-three years he has lived in Cedar county and its progress and upbuilding are to him matters of history, while with many movements that have been of essential value in the upbuilding of the district he has been closely, influentially and helpfully identified. His life work on the whole has been a beneficial element in the community, and he justly merits the veneration, respect and honor which are accorded him in the evening of life.

JOHN WILLER.

John Willer, a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Tipton, was born near Pomeroy in Meigs county, Ohio, on the 10th of July, 1861, and comes of good old German stock. His father, George Willer, was a native of Bavaria, born in Frankenthal, the city of Edigheim, Germany, February 23, 1827. The latter's parents were Michael and Mary (Kaiser) Willer, who brought their family to America in 1839 and settled near Pomeroy, Ohio. Their children were: George, the father of our subject, Katharine, Mary, Wendell, Peter, John and Minnie. All now are deceased with the exception of John, who resides in Moville, Iowa, and Mrs. Mary Sauvage, a resident of Colorado.

George Willer was twelve years of age when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to America and in the Buckeye state he grew to manhood, making his home there until his removal to Cedar county, Iowa, in 1865. Here he located on a farm south of Tipton and throughout the remainder of his active business life devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits. In early life he was employed as a laborer for several years and for four years worked in a rolling mill, but the greater part of his time was given to farming. He prospered in his undertakings and on his retirement from active labor was the owner of four hundred and eighty-five acres of well improved land in this county.

Before leaving Ohio, George Willer was married on the 3d of January, 1852, to Miss Julia Thress, who was born in Manndel, city of Kreutznacht, Prussia, Germany, June 21, 1826, her parents being Jacob and Katharine (Thress) Thress. She was one of a family of five children, the others being: John, who lives near Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Margaret Ohlinger, of Pomeroy, Ohio; Philip, deceased; and Mrs. Katharine Rider, also deceased. It was in 1849 that the Thress family came to the new world, settling in Ohio, and the parents remained residents of that state until their death, their home being near Pomeroy. Unto Mr. and Mrs. George Willer were born the following children: Mary, the wife of Jacob Marquart of Lawton, Woodbury county, Iowa; Julia, who is with her mother in Tipton; Wendell, of Center township, this county; John, whose name introduces this review; Minnie, the wife of Jacob Pfarr, of Center township; Peter, whose home is near Tipton, in Center township; Emma, who died September 27, 1876, at the age of eight years, five months and twenty-seven days; and four who died in infancy. The mother of these children is still living and now resides in Tipton, but the father died in that city, December 24, 1897. His parents also passed away in this county.

John Willer was but four years of age on the removal of the family to Cedar county, Iowa, and on the home farm two miles southwest of Tipton he grew to manhood, receiving a good, practical education in the country schools of the neighborhood and acquiring an excellent knowledge of farm work while assisting his father in the operation of the home place. He remained under the parental roof until his marriage and then removed to his present farm three miles south of Tipton. His father owned a quarter section of land and in partnership with his brothers, Wendell and Peter, he purchased one hundred acres adjoining, and together they operated both places for some time. Later they bought a two hundred and forty acre tract east of town and continued in partnership for some time but finally divided the property and our subject today owns four hundred and seventeen acres of very productive and well improved land three miles south of Tipton. He continued to reside upon his farm until March, 1908, when he removed to Tipton, having previously erected a fine residence in that city. He is still interested in farming, however, operating his land in partnership with another gentleman, and together they are engaged in the breeding of thoroughbred Angus cattle. They raise a fine grade of stock and have won many premiums at the home fair.

It was on the 21st of February, 1889, that Mr. Willer was united in marriage to Miss Carrie B. Bossert, who was born in Tipton, November 7, 1866, a daughter of Benjamin and Louisa (Kaiser) Bossert of Tipton. They now have

but one child, Eva May, who was born in Center township, June 3, 1891. The parents are both earnest members of the Reformed church of Tipton and although their residence in the city has been of short duration, they have already made many friends here and have an extensive circle of friends and acquaintances throughout the county. Upright and honorable in all his dealings with his fellowmen, Mr. Willer has won their confidence and truly deserves mention among the representative and prominent citizens of this county.

WILLIAM E. ROBINSON.

Success has attended William E. Robinson in his conduct of general farming and stock-raising interests in Dayton township. He now owns as well as occupies the old Robinson homestead, comprising one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 36. Moreover, he is numbered among the early settlers of the county, dating his residence here from 1856. He was but two years of age at the time of his arrival, his birth having occurred in the city of La Salle, Illinois, January 9, 1854.

His father, William T. Robinson, was a native of England, born in 1819, and was there reared to the age of fourteen years, when his father, John Robinson, came to the new world with his family in 1833, settling first in Canada. William T. Robinson was reared in the Dominion and was there married to Miss Anna Ernest, a native of New York, whose girlhood days were spent in Utica in the home of her father, William Ernest, a well known resident of Utica for many years and later one of the early settlers of Cedar county, Iowa. On coming to this state he took up his abode at West Liberty, where he spent his last days.

William T. Robinson removed from Canada to La Salle county, Illinois, where he worked at the wheelwright's trade, which he had previously learned. In 1856 he came to Iowa and established his home at West Liberty, turning his attention to farming. Later he entered from the government the tract of one hundred and sixty acres upon which his son now resides. It was wild and unimproved and with characteristic energy he began its development, breaking the sod and planting the fields. His first home was a small house, which he occupied for about twenty years, when his success enabled him to erect a much more commodious and substantial residence. He also built a good barn and outbuildings, set out a grove and fenced his land. The changes which he made converted it into an attractive place, upon which he reared his family. His remaining days were spent upon the farm, where his death occurred June 28, 1902, his wife surviving him until 1907, when she too passed away.

William E. Robinson spent his youthful days upon the old homestead and alternated his attendance at the common schools with the work upon the home farm through the periods of vacation. After putting aside his text-books his entire attention was given to farm work mostly upon the old homestead, although for a time he worked by the month as a farm hand. He remained with his father until twenty-seven years of age and then started out independently.

It was at that time that Mr. Robinson was married in Fairfield township, on the 20th of October, 1881, to Miss Mary J. Winter, who was born and reared in Maryland, a daughter of G. K. Winter, who removed from that state to Cedar county, Iowa. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Robinson located on the farm in Fairfield township, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits for a quarter of a century, cultivating a tract of eighty acres, on which he erected good buildings and made modern improvements. At length he sold out there and in 1908 purchased the interests of the other heirs in the old homestead, whereon he has since resided. In connection with the tilling of the soil he has raised and fed stock and annually sells a large number of cattle and hogs, fattened on grass. He keeps his stock in excellent condition and his capable management of his business affairs has made him one of the substantial residents of the community.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have been born three children: Sadie E., now the wife of Charles Schilling, a farmer of Fairfield; Susie, the wife of William Schilling, a resident farmer of this county, by whom she has one child, Marvin; and Arthur, who assists in carrying on the home farm.

Mr. Robinson is a republican in his political views but at local elections, where no issue is involved, votes independently. The period of his residence in Cedar county covers fifty-four years and he has, therefore, witnessed almost the entire growth and development of this part of the state. He can remember when its lands were largely uncultivated, the initial work of the pioneer having just been begun; when the homes of the settlers were small and unpretentious; and when the mercantile interests of the town simply met the necessities of daily living without an attempt to introduce the comforts and luxuries known to the older east. As time has passed on, however, all this has changed, for the wild prairie has been converted into productive fields, the pioneer homes have been replaced by beautiful modern residences and villages have been converted into cities. Mr. Robinson rejoices in what has been accomplished and feels great pride in the work that has been done in Cedar county. At all times he stands for progress and improvement and is known as one of the public-spirited citizens.

FRED PFAFF.

Among the younger generation of farmers of Cedar county who are proving by the results which attend their efforts that their choice of a life work has been a wise one, is numbered Fred Pfaff, well known in this locality as a successful young farmer and stock-raiser. His entire life has been spent within the borders of Cedar county, where, in Cass township, his birth occurred on the 18th of July, 1880. He is the only living child of Charles and Clara (Dodds) Pfaff, residents of Tipton.

In the country schools near his home Fred Pfaff acquired a good education, and was not lacking in that practical training which comes from experience, for at an early age he began assisting his father in the work of the home farm and early learned lessons concerning the value of industry, perseverance and integrity.

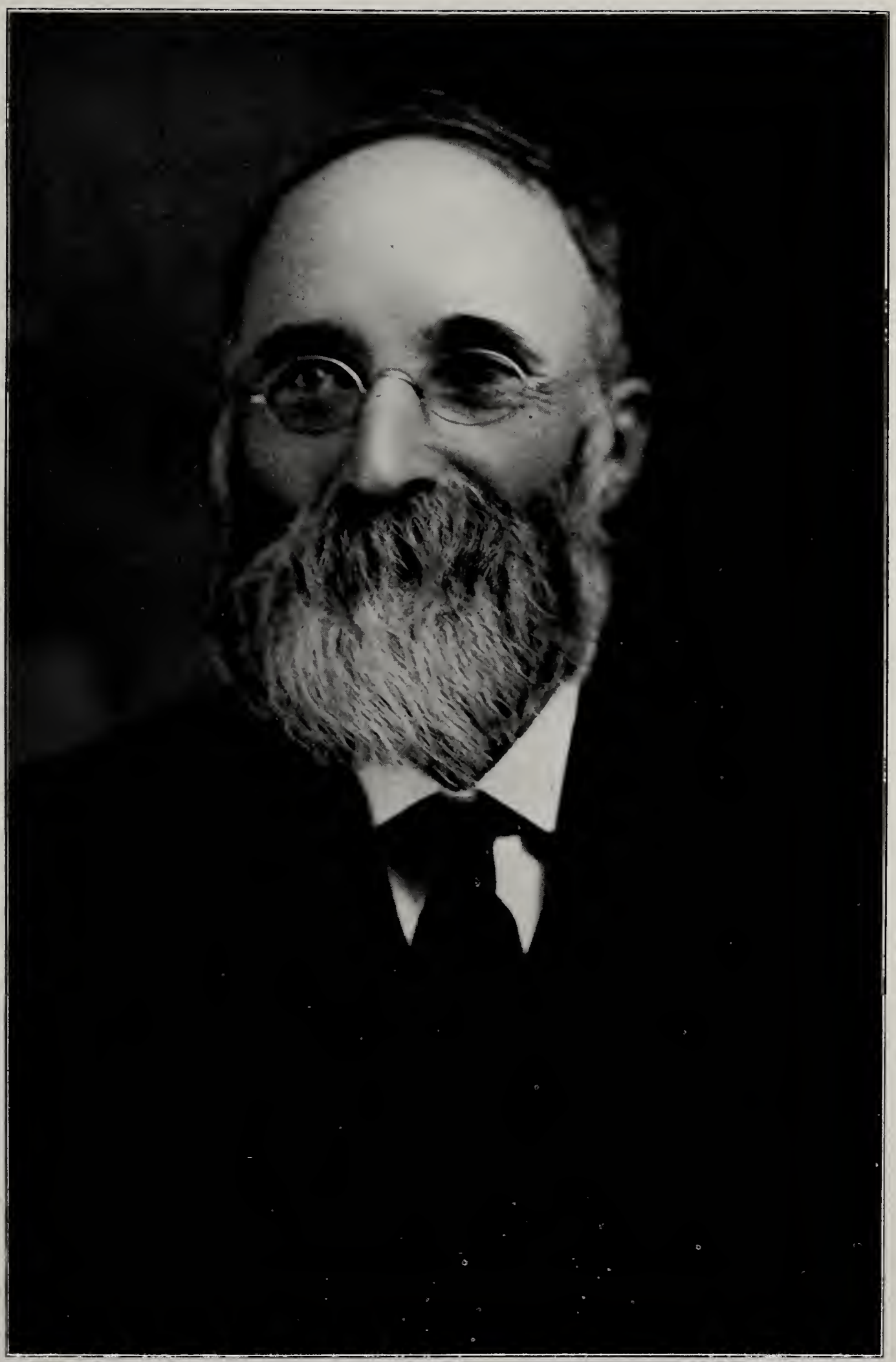
When still young he began farming on his own account and has since devoted his time and attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he has been most successful. Upon the retirement of his father he took charge of the farm of four hundred and twenty acres. Here he carries on general farming and stock-raising, and in both branches of his business he is meeting with gratifying success, for he is careful and wise in the management of his affairs, earnest in his work and is possessed of that laudable ambition to succeed which is usually the motive power of the energetic and progressive young man of today.

In December, 1904, Mr. Pfaff was united in marriage to Miss Harriett Kennedy, a native of Springville, Iowa, where her birth occurred on the 3d of February, 1882, her father being James Kennedy, now deceased. One son, Charles K., has blessed this union, and he is the light and life of the household. Having spent his entire life in the neighborhood in which he now resides, Mr. Pfaff has become widely known throughout the community, and the fact that many of his best friends are those who have known him from childhood is an indication that his salient characteristics are those which inspire respect, confidence and good will in his fellow citizens.

H. L. SCHNEIDER.

For the past seven years H. L. Schneider has made his home in Tipton, where he is practically living retired, enjoying a well earned rest. He is a native of the neighboring state of Illinois, his birth occurring in Aurora township, Kane county, on the 17th of July, 1836, and is a son of John Peter and Christina (Wohrer) Schneider, both natives of Germany. The father was born near Frankfort and the mother in Baden. They came to the new world in early life and were married in Philadelphia. As early as 1832 they came west to Chicago and soon afterward located in Kane county, Illinois, where they spent the remainder of their lives, the father dying there in 1882 at the age of eighty-three years. His children were: J. F., deceased; Elizabeth, who died at the age of fourteen years; H. L., of this review; Mrs. Mary Ann Hughes, a resident of Elburn, Illinois; Charles, also a resident of Elburn; and Mrs. Carrie Angel, of Aurora.

H. L. Schneider was reared and educated in the state of his nativity and remained with his parents until twenty-two years of age. For four years prior to that time he served an apprenticeship to the miller's trade and for three years worked in the Oxford Mills in Jones county, Iowa, and for two years in the mill at Plano, Illinois. He continued to follow his trade for about thirteen years, being employed in various places. At the end of that time he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, operating a farm in Hale township, Jones county, Iowa, for about five years. He also worked as a carpenter and laborer in Iowa for the same length of time and in 1875 came to Tipton, where for five years he conducted the Cedar Mill, having a partner for a time but later being alone in business. At the end of that period he traded the mill for a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Cherokee county, Iowa, which at the end of a year he traded for another farm of two hundred and fifty acres in Center township, Cedar county.



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Subsequently he traded the last named property for a section of land in Spink county, South Dakota. For many years he successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits but for the past seven years has practically lived retired in Tipton, where he owns a nice home and three lots. His success in life is due to his industry, good management and excellent business ability.

On the 24th of December, 1869, Mr. Schneider was united in marriage to Miss Emeline E. Reed, who was born in Virginia in 1850 and came to Olin, Iowa, with her parents in 1851, being a daughter of Samuel W. and Susanna Reed. This union has been blessed with the following children: Mrs. Jennie Taylor, now a widow residing with our subject; Carrie, the wife of E. R. Chase, of Minnesota; Martin H., a resident of South Dakota; Howard H., of Center township, Cedar county; Elizabeth and Gladys, both at home; and three who died in infancy.

Mr. Schneider is a consistent and faithful member of the Presbyterian church, while his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church of Tipton, and he has so lived as to gain the confidence and high regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact either in business or social relations.

SAMUEL A. HANDLEY.

Samuel A. Handley, a progressive and successful agriculturist of Cedar county, has for several years carried on general farming and stock-raising in Inland and Springfield townships. His birth occurred in this county on the 6th of March, 1862, and he is a son of Samuel and Nancy R. (Foster) Handley, the father having been born in Greenbrier county, West Virginia, January 27, 1820, and the mother in Nicholas county, that state, on the 12th of August, 1822. In 1857 the elder Samuel Handley arrived in Cedar county and here purchased a farm of one hundred and fifty acres, to which he later added one hundred and twenty acres, becoming the owner in all of two hundred and seventy acres. He continued to make his home upon that place during the remainder of his life and was engaged in farming until his death, which occurred on the 21st of December, 1893, surviving his wife but five days, as her death occurred December 16, 1893. Their family consisted of nine children but only six are now living: Calvin I., Elizabeth R., Richard G., George W., Samuel A. and Sarah A. The deceased are John F., Mary J. and Hannah C.

Reared on the home farm, Samuel A. Handley acquired his early education in the district schools of Cedar county and later enjoyed the benefit of a year's study at Wilton Academy. He was also a student for a year at the Iowa Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa. Upon laying aside his text-books he returned home and during the summer months assisted his father in the work of the farm. The winter seasons, however, were devoted to teaching in the schools of Cedar county, and his time was thus occupied for four terms, during which time he proved himself a most efficient and capable instructor, readily imparting to others the knowledge he had acquired. At the death of his father he purchased the interests of the other heirs and when the estate was settled became

sole owner of the old homestead. He has since devoted his entire time to agricultural pursuits and in connection with tilling the soil engages to considerable extent in the raising of stock, making a specialty of Poland China hogs and shorthorn cattle. He studies the best methods of caring for his stock, raises good grades and is thus enabled to demand high prices on the market. He has also added to his property holdings until he is now the owner of three hundred and ten acres in Cedar county, one hundred and sixty acres of which lie in Springfield township and one hundred and fifty acres in Inland township. With an aptitude for successful management, he has so directed his affairs that most gratifying results have followed and today he ranks among the progressive agriculturists of Inland township.

On the 29th of November, 1899, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Handley and Miss Martha Standusky, a daughter of Jacob and Antonia (Golden) Standusky, of Jones county, Iowa. Unto this union were born three children, Agnes Victoria, Mabel Eva and Ethel Grace.

The parents hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church at Bennett and their many excellent traits of character have won them the regard and esteem of a large circle of friends. In politics Mr. Handley supports the democratic party, to which he has given stalwart allegiance since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and for one term he served as county surveyor. The creditable position which he has attained in agricultural circles in Inland township entitles him to rank among the substantial farmers of this locality, but he is no less worthy of the regard of his fellowmen because of his loyalty to upright manhood, to high principles and to honorable dealings—qualities which ever speak for good citizenship in any community.

PROFESSOR GEORGE HENRY KELLOGG.

Professor George Henry Kellogg, who is serving for the seventh year as county superintendent of schools of Cedar county, is accorded by the consensus of opinion on the part of the public and the profession as one of the prominent educators identified with the educational system of this state. His labors have been attended by tangible results for elevating the standard of public instruction and making the system of teaching of more practical value in preparing the young for the duties and responsibilities of life. A native of Crown Point, New York, Professor Kellogg was born December 22, 1871, a son of E. T. and Florence (French) Kellogg. The father was born in Shoreham, Vermont, May 31, 1836, and the mother in Crown Point, New York, March 28, 1851. They were married on the 11th of January, 1871, and their family numbers two sons, George H. and Daniel N., the latter born November 20, 1873.

E. T. Kellogg was a senior at Middlebury College at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war and, responding to the country's call for troops, enlisted as a member of Company D, Fourteenth Vermont Infantry, and participated in the Gettysburg campaign and other important engagements. Much of his life was devoted to the profession of teaching and following his removal with his

family to Iowa in the fall of 1877 he became principal of the schools of Monmouth, Jackson county, where he remained for two years. In the fall of 1879 he removed to Clinton county, taking up his abode on a farm in Sharon township, after which he devoted the summer seasons to farming and the winter months to teaching school. In 1880 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his first wife. In 1882 he wedded Jennie Lee, a sister of his first wife, and in the spring of 1888 they removed to Cedar county, settling on a farm in Massillon township. He continued to carry on general agricultural pursuits until 1894, when he began merchandising in Massillon, conducting the business for about four years under the firm name of Hardy & Kellogg. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Massillon and served as Sunday-school superintendent throughout nearly the entire period of his residence there. Both he and his wife passed away the same year, Mr. Kellogg dying in April and Mrs. Kellogg in September, 1899.

Professor George H. Kellogg of this review was only six years of age when his parents removed to Iowa and his primary education was largely acquired in the rural schools of Clinton and Cedar counties, during much of which time he was under the instruction of his father. He also studied to a considerable extent at home and for a brief period was a pupil in the Clarence high school. Later he engaged in teaching after which he resumed his studies in Clarence ir the fall of 1890. He attended the Iowa State Normal School in Cedar Falls in 1901, after which he obtained his state certificate. While pursuing his course there he was elected principal of the schools of Bennett and in November, 1903, was chosen county superintendent of schools, after which he resigned his position at Bennett to assume the duties of his present office on the 1st of January, 1904. He was reelected in 1906 and again in 1908, so that he is the present incumbent. In the meantime he had further continued his studies under the direction of Cornell College and he was a member of the faculty of Cornell College during the summer school sessions of 1907, 1908, 1909 and 1910.

Professor Kellogg has put forth most zealous, effective and earnest effort for the benefit of the school system of the state, and was elected first vice president of the Iowa State Teachers Association for the term of 1909-10. He has been an active member of the Northeastern Iowa Teachers Association and of the Southeastern Iowa Teachers Association, attending all meetings in both sessions since 1904. He received an equal vote with the county superintendent of Wright county for the presidency of the county superintendents' section of the State Teachers Association in 1909, but lost the position when lots were cast. His term of office in the position of county superintendent has been characterized by a continuous progress and by urgency on his part for the betterment of conditions in public schools. He has been instrumental in securing the erection of sixteen rural schools as well as several new high-school buildings, including the Durant high school, erected at a cost of sixteen thousand dollars; the West Branch at a cost of twenty thousand dollars; the Downey, at a cost of eight thousand dollars; Mechanicsville, at twenty thousand dollars; and the Lowden at fifteen thousand dollars. He has strongly advocated the employment of more efficient teachers at better salaries and during his administration salaries have increased about twenty per cent. He is a stalwart advocate of centralized

rural schools and has put forth most effective effort along the lines of general improvement and progress in connection with the cause of public education in Iowa.

On the 28th of December, 1897, Professor Kellogg was married to Miss Minnie M. McIntire, a daughter of Ira N. and Emma McIntire, who for many years have been residents of Massillon township. Mrs. Kellogg was educated in the Oxford Junction high school, the Cedar Falls high school and through home study and assists Professor Kellogg in his work both in the office and at teachers' institutes. Both are well known in social connections.

Mrs. Kellogg is a member of the Tipton Women's Club, a literary organization for the support of the public library, and is president of the Cultus Club of Tipton. She is likewise a member of Elwood Temple, No. 140, of the Pythian Sisters and of the Tipton Chapter, No. 367, of the Order of the Eastern Star. Professor Kellogg belongs to the Knights of Pythias; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Cedar Lodge, No. 11, A. F. & A. M., of which he was senior warden for two years; and Siloam Chapter, No. 19, R. A. M., of which he has been most excellent high priest. For six years he has served on the board of directors of the Tipton public library. He and his wife occupy an enviable position in the social circles where intelligence is regarded as a necessary attribute to congeniality, and theirs has been a potent influence along the line of intellectual progress in Cedar county.

JOSIAH OWEN.

Josiah Owen, deceased, was long connected with the agricultural interests of Cedar county and throughout the entire period was respected as a business man and citizen of worth. He was born near Lexington, in Richland county, Ohio, on the 16th of April, 1837, his parents being Wesley and Elizabeth (Stewart) Owen, both natives of Pennsylvania and the latter of German extraction. They were married, however, in Ohio, where the father owned and operated a farm until 1852, when, accompanied by their seven children, they came to Cedar county, Iowa, and spent the remainder of their lives upon a farm four miles south of Tipton. The father died in 1881 at the age of seventy-six years, and the mother passed away twenty-six days later at the age of seventy-four. Their children were: Reuben; Josiah; Mrs. Mary Ann Reeve; Mrs. Rhoda Jane Carl; Henry; Mrs. Samantha Quinn; and Mrs. Emeline Anderson, a widow, now residing in Tipton. She is the only one of the family now living. All of the sons died in the month of December.

Until he attained his majority, Josiah Owen remained under the parental roof, acquiring a good, practical knowledge of the common English branches as taught in the local schools, and when not busy with his text-books he assisted in the work of the farm and on starting out in life for himself he chose the occupation to which he was reared. In 1864, in company with his brother Henry, he crossed the plains and spent some time in mining in Montana and Idaho, returning to this state in the fall of 1867. He then resumed farming,

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having purchased one hundred and sixty acres of raw prairie land on section 14, Center township, to the cultivation and improvement of which he devoted his time and energies until his removal to Tipton in the spring of 1905. As time passed he added to his property as he found opportunity until he became the owner of a very valuable and well improved tract of four hundred and forty-six acres on sections 13 and 14, Center township.

On the 22d of April, 1868, Mr. Owen was united in marriage to Miss Mary Jane Welty, also a native of Ohio, her birth having occurred in Ashland county on the 20th of May, 1852. At the age of fourteen years she was brought by her parents, Henry and Elizabeth (Beech) Welty, to Cedar county, Iowa, the family locating in Rochester township, four and one-half miles south of Tipton. Her father was born in the Susquehanna valley, Pennsylvania, December 11, 1820, and her mother was a native of Germany. On her emigration to the United States, at the age of nine years, the family settled in Richland county, Ohio, where after her marriage she continued to make her home until coming to this state in 1852. Mr. Welty died in Cedar county on the 7th of February, 1907, at the age of eighty-seven years, and his wife departed this life, December 27, 1877, at the age of fifty-six years. Their family consisted of seven children, namely: Mrs. Margaret Ann Knott, now a resident of Vallejo, California; Mary Jane, the widow of our subject, who now makes her home in Tipton; William Randolph, of Fairfield township, this county; Jacob Hudson, who lives near Berthoud, Colorado; George M., of Highland Lake, Colorado; Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Bader, of Loveland, Colorado; and one who died in infancy.

Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Owen, the eldest died in infancy. The others are: Arminta May, now the wife of F. W. Reeve of Peabody, Kansas; Ada Florence, the wife of C. E. Chapman of Center township; Frank L., whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Alice, at home; Fred W., who is also represented on another page of this work; and Ralph E., at home. The family is one of prominence in the community where they reside.

In 1871 Mr. Owen united with the Methodist Episcopal church in Tipton and was ever afterward a consistent and faithful member of that body, taking an active interest in its work. He was also a strong temperance man and exerted his influence in behalf of that measure. After a useful and well spent life, he died at Tipton on the 24th of December, 1908, honored and respected by all who knew him.

JOHN C. CALDWELL.

John C. Caldwell is numbered among those men whose efforts have not been limited to one line of business, but have been directed into various channels of activity, wherein he has won substantial success, and he is now classed with the leading business men of Cedar county, while as a dealer in fine grade horses he is well known throughout the entire state of Iowa. One of Cedar county's native sons, his birth occurred in Fremont township on the 12th of February, 1867, a son of Alexander Caldwell. The latter was born in Pennsylvania in 1832,

and while a resident of that state was united in marriage, in 1853, to Miss Ellen Curry, also a native of the Keystone state. The year 1858 witnessed their arrival in Iowa, where the father took up land in Fremont townhip, Cedar county, and there opened up a farm of more than four hundred acres. With characteristic energy he soon brought his property under a good state of cultivation, erecting good buildings and introducing all the improvements known to agriculture at that time. With the passing years he prospered in his undertaking and at the time of his death was recognized as one of the well known and prominent farmers of his section of the county.

It was on this homestead farm that John C. Caldwell was reared, and amid the busy activities of rural life learned many lessons concerning the value of industry and energy. He received good educational advantages, acquiring his preliminary education in the common schools, while later he pursued a two-years' course in the schools of Cedar Rapids. After laying aside his text-books he returned home and assisted his father in the work of the farm for several years. Subsequently he engaged in railroading in the employ of the Northwestern Railroad Company for over two years, after which he again returned to agricultural pursuits, with which he was identified for several years, at the same time making a specialty of buying and selling horses. He became the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres, which is still in his possession and is a highly improved property.

In February, 1908, however, he removed from the farm and took up his abode in Mechanicsville, where he purchased residence property, remodeled the house and made a comfortable and attractive home. Since that time he has given much of his time and attention to his stock interests, erecting a large barn and office near the station, where he conducts an extensive business in horses. He makes a specialty of buying and selling high grade Belgian and Norman horses and also heavy weight horses, and has handled many valuable animals. He sold two teams of horses for nine hundred dollars for each team, another for eight hundred and fifty-five dollars, and since opening his town office in less than three years, has bought and sold one thousand, one hundred and fifteen head. In this connection he travels extensively, buying and selling horses throughout a large part of the country, and has become recognized as one of the best known horse dealers in the state of Iowa. But not alone to this line of activity, however, has he directed his attention, but is well known in other channels, becoming identified recently with the real-estate business, wherein he has executed some important deals, and has also taken the agency for a well known automobile firm. Characterized by indefatigable energy, close application and intelligent direction, his efforts in the various lines to which he has given his attention have been crowned by excellent success, which has been purchased at the price of earnest and well defined labor, and today he is ranked among the leading business men of his community, a position which is due to his sound judgment and wise management.

Mr. Caldwell was united in marriage in Tipton, Iowa, on the 12th of February, 1900, to Miss Lulu M. Wisener, a native of Cedar county, where she was reared and educated. She is a daughter of Aaron Wisener and a sister of William Wisener, of Tipton, and by her marriage to Mr. Caldwell became the mother

of one daughter, Florence Caldwell. Both Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell are well known in social and fraternal circles, the former being a Master Mason, holding membership in the blue lodge of Mechanicsville, while Mrs. Caldwell is identified with the Order of the Eastern Star. They have gained a large circle of warm friends during their residence in this city, and the hospitality of many of the best homes is freely extended them.

AARON P. MURRAY.

Living all his life in Cedar county, deeply interested in its welfare and closely associated with its progress along agricultural lines, Aaron P. Murray well deserves mention in this volume. He was for a considerable period engaged in farming in Red Oak township, where he owned and cultivated a highly improved tract of land of eighty acres. It was in that township that his birth occurred December 28, 1863, his father being Alexander Murray, a native of Ireland, whence he came to the new world when a lad of ten years, arriving in Cedar county about 1844. After arriving at years of maturity he married Miss Lucinda Pierce, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Aaron Pierce, one of the pioneer settlers of this region. Purchasing land, Alexander Murray developed a farm in Red Oak township, becoming the owner of a well improved tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres. His family numbered two sons and three daughters, the brother of our subject being William B. Murray. The sisters are Siddie, now the wife of George Williams; and Eliza J. and Anna, both at home.

At the usual age Aaron P. Murray became a pupil in the district schools, which he attended during the winter seasons, while the summer months were devoted to the work of the farm. He was reared upon the old homestead and continued to assist his father in its development and cultivation up to the time of his marriage, which important event in his life was celebrated in Red Oak township on the 17th of September, 1844, the lady of his choice being Miss Agnes Lumley, who was born and reared in Red Oak township and is a daughter of John Lumley, who came from Missouri to Iowa when the work of progress had scarcely been begun in Cedar county. He was a native of Ohio, however, and was still a young man when he came to this state. He was married in Cedar county to Miss Mary J. Paton, who was here born and reared and is of Scotch lineage, her father being John Paton. Mrs. Lumley is now a resident of Mechanicsville.

After his marriage Mr. Murray rented a farm in Fremont township and for seven years lived upon the farm belonging to his mother-in-law in Red Oak township, there making his home until 1894, when he purchased a tract of land of eighty acres near the old home in Red Oak township. Upon that place he built a dwelling, fenced the fields and developed the farm. He built a small stable at first and later a good bank barn, and added other outbuildings as they were needed for the shelter of grain and stock. His fields were carefully tilled and responded in abundant harvests. He also raised considerable stock and continued actively in business until 1904, when he rented his land and removed

to Mechanicsville where for two years he was engaged in the real-estate business. At length he sold his farm for one hundred and thirty-seven and a half dollars per acre and in Mechanicsville purchased a neat residence and five acres of land adjoining.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray have become the parents of two children: Urban A., a graduate of the Mechanicsville high school; and Beryl, the wife of C. H Stoffel, a business man of Mechanicsville. Mr. Murray belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp of Mechanicsville and gives his political support at the polls to the democratic party but otherwise takes no active part in politics, having ever concentrated his time and energies upon business affairs. He is not without that public spirit, however, that upholds and supports projects for the general good. His business ability is evidenced in the success that has attended his efforts. He had no assistance at the outset of his career and no favorable circumstances aided him in gaining a start. He realized, however, that diligence is the basis of all honorable advancement and year by year saw him ahead of the starting point of the previous year. Gradually, therefore, he progressed toward the goal of prosperity and is now comfortably settled in life, having an attractive home in Mechanicsville, where he has not only the necessities but also some of the luxuries of life.

RAY A. PUFFER.

Ray A. Puffer, living on section 27, Pioneer township, is one of the prosperous farmers and stock-raisers of the locality, occupying a good place of one hundred and seventy-two acres within three and one-quarter miles of Mechanicsville. He was born in this township, December 30, 1874, as was his father, A. G. W. Puffer. The grandfather, Charles Puffer, was one of the first settlers of Cedar county, coming to the middle west from New Hampshire. From pioneer times, therefore, the Puffer family has been identified with the growth and progress of this section of the state. The youthful days of Ray Puffer were spent in the usual manner of farm lads and he gave his father the benefit of his services until the latter's death. His education had been acquired in the district school that stood upon the old home farm and following his father's death he took charge of and carried on the home farm for some years.

On the 3d of February, 1904, Mr. Puffer was married in Pioneer township to Miss Chloie Brock, who was born in Adair county, Iowa, and is a daughter of Baldwin Brock, who removed to Cedar county during the girlhood days of his daughter Chloie. He is now living retired in Mechanicsville. He was one of the early settlers of Iowa and bore his part in the substantial upbuilding of this part of the state. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Moffett, was born in Cedar county. They have become the parents of four children, Mrs. Puffer being the only daughter.

Following his marriage Mr. Puffer engaged in farming on the old home place for four years and then purchased one hundred and thirty-four acres of land constituting the farm upon which he now resides. He also owns forty acres of the old home farm adjoining and engages in raising both grain and stock. He

makes a specialty of feeding and fattening hogs for the market, selling one hundred head or more each year. In this business he is successful, receiving a good price for his stock.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Puffer has been born a daughter, Mildred, a bright little maiden of three summers. The parents are widely and favorably known in this locality, the hospitality of the best homes being extended them. Politically Mr. Puffer is a democrat but has never sought or desired office. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp at Mechanicsville but his interest centers in his farming and he is regarded as a careful and enterprising business man. He and his brother Everette own and operate adjoining farms and both are active and progressive in what they undertake, while their reliability in business transactions is never called into question.

HARRY CLAY McCORMICK.

Harry Clay McCormick, busily engaged in raising and feeding stock in Linn township upon a farm of one hundred and twenty acres situated on section 6, was born October 30, 1871, upon the place which is still his home. His father, James A. McCormick, was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, about 1825, and was there reared and married, the lady of his choice being Catherine Paulging, also a native of Lycoming county. The father was a wagon maker by trade, following that pursuit in early life. But the opportunities of the west attracted him and in 1856 he came to Cedar county, Iowa, settling in Linn township, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land. This he broke and fenced for not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made when he took up his abode thereon. The prairie was covered with its native grasses, starred with millions of flowers in the springtime and covered with one dazzling, unbroken sheet of snow in the winter season. His labors soon wrought a transformation, however, and the one hundred and sixty acre farm, which he purchased, was converted into productive fields in the midst of which he erected a large residence, together with substantial barns and outbuildings. His work as a man and citizen led to his selection for public office and he was chosen county supervisor for two terms, in which position he proved a capable official, discharging his duties with promptness and accuracy. After rearing his family upon the farm he removed to Tipton, where he spent his last years, his death there occuring in March, 1895. His widow survived him and resides in Tipton.

Their family numbered four sons and four daughters, who are yet living: Frank, a resident of Bay City, Michigan; Cyrus A., a farmer of Linn township; H. C., of this review; Roy, also of Bay City, Michigan, where both he and his brother are engaged in the practice of law; Mary, the wife of Joe Hunter of Nebraska; Nancy, the wife of John Hunter, a brother of her sister's husband and also a resident of Nebraska; Mrs. Josephine Moffitt, a widow living in Bay City, Michigan; and Nettie, the wife of James Williams, who makes his home in Tipton and has farming interests in Cedar county.

Harry Clay McCormick was reared upon the home farm and was educated in the common schools and the Mechanicsville high school. Throughout the period of his youth he aided in the work of the fields and afterward took charge of the farm. Following his father's death he and his brother purchased the interest of the other heirs in the property and on its division H. C. McCormick took the old homestead and adjacent land. He has made improvements and repairs upon the place, building cribs and a hog house and keeping everything upon the farm in excellent condition. The place is divided into fields of convenient size by woven wire fencing and he has a good orchard as one of the attractive features of the farm. In connection with the raising of cereals he also devotes considerable time to raising and feeding stock, fattening three car loads of cattle, hogs and sheep annually. He buys, feeds and ships from one to two car loads of fat sheep each year and he has made a business for years of breeding shorthorn cattle, having now a herd of fifteen high bred cows with a fine pure blooded male at the head of the herd. He is widely known as a breeder of and dealer in shorthorn cattle and he also raises Poland China hogs and fine horses. In fact he believes in keeping good stock and has done much to improve the grade raised in this part of the county.

On the 22d of December, 1892, Mr. McCormick was married in Cedar county to Miss Maud Slater, who was here born and reared, a daughter of Samuel Slater, one of the early settlers of Cedar county, now living in Johnson county, who came to Iowa from Ohio. The McCormick household is a hospitable one and both Mr. McCormick and his wife are highly esteemed in the social circles in which they move. Mr. McCormick votes with the democracy on questions of national importance; at local elections where the question for consideration is the capability of the candidate to take care of the business interests of the county he casts an independent ballot. He has been a lifelong resident of this part of the state, witnessing its growth for thirty-nine years and as time has passed on he has became recognized as one of the capable, energetic, progressive and successful business men and stock-dealers of this part of the state as well as a public-spirited citizen whose cooperation can always be counted upon to further measures for the public good.

EVERETTE PUFFER.

Everette Puffer is devoting his time and energies to the basic industry of agriculture. Farming constitutes the foundation of success in all life, and he who carefully and conscientiously tills the soil contributes to the world's progress. On a farm on section 26, Pioneer township, lives Everette Puffer, who tills the fields and feeds his stock upon a tract of land of one hundred and twenty-five acres while altogether he operates two hundred acres. His homestead was also his birthplace, his natal day being April 24, 1879. The paternal grandfather was one of the first settlers of Cedar county and amid pioneer surroundings the father was reared, sharing in the hardships and privations that always constitute an element in frontier life. After attaining man's estate he chose

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as a companion and helpmate for life's journey Miss Arminda Boyles, who was born in Pennsylvania and gave him her hand in marriage in 1873. They began their domestic life upon a farm and to the usual duties of the agriculturist Mr. Puffer continued to devote his time and energies until his death, which occurred about 1894. His wife still survives him and is now living in Mechanicsville. Their family numbered three children: Ray, a farmer of Pioneer township, who is mentioned on another page of this volume; Mabel, the wife of Claude Harper, of Saint John, Washington; and Everette, who is the youngest of the family.

The last named was a youth of fifteen years at the time of his father's death. He remained with his mother until he attained his majority and through the period of his youth acquired a good common-school education. After reaching manhood he and his brother farmed together until 1905 and then divided the estate, Everette Puffer receiving the old home. It was on the 15th of March of the same year that he was married in Emmetsburg, Iowa, to Miss Grace Kohl, who was born in South Dakota but was reared in Cedar county. Her father, Jesse Kohl, was a native of Jones county, Iowa, where he spent his youthful days. He was married at Storm Lake, Buena Vista county, to Miss Mary Scott, a native of New York, who in her girlhood days was brought to Iowa and here reared. Mr. Kohl carried on farming in Cedar county until 1906, when he removed to Phillipsburg, Kansas, where he now resides.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Puffer took up his abode on the farm, where he has since lived, his attention being largely given to the raising and feeding of sheep and hogs, his specialty being Shropshire sheep and Chester White hogs, selling three carloads of each annually. He cares for his stock after the most modern methods and therefore sends them to market in good condition and receives therefor a high price.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Puffer has been born a daughter, Mary A. The parents are widely and favorably known in this community where they have many friends. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party but aside from voting he has never been interested in politics, his purpose in life being to provide a comfortable living for his family that they may be relieved of the hardships that come through lack of financial resources. He therefore is bending his energies to the successful development of his farm and to his live-stock interests, and in this connection is making an excellent record.

JACKSON FERGUSON.

From pioneer days the life record of Jackson Ferguson has been interwoven with the history of Cedar county, and in its development and improvement he has been an active factor, having been identified with its agricultural and business interests during a long and honorable career. A native of Pennsylvania, his birth occurred in Westmoreland county on the 5th of December, 1844, a son of Hans and Margaret (Shields) Ferguson, also natives of the Keystone state. The father followed the occupation of farming in Clarion county, Pennsylvania,

for number of years and there spent his last days, his death there occurring about the year 1852. He was long survived by his wife, who reared their family of five sons and five daughters. In 1856 the mother, thinking that the west offered better opportunities for advancement for her sons, removed with her family to Iowa, the family home being established in Cedar county within about a mile of Mechanicsville. Mrs. Ferguson passed away in Mechanicsville about 1892, being survived by three sons and three daughters.

It was to that home that Jackson Ferguson was brought when a lad of twelve years, and there he was reared to manhood. He acquired a common-school education and amid the busy activities of rural life early became familiar with the tasks that fall to the lot of the agriculturist as he assisted in the work of the fields. He remained with his mother upon the farm until attaining man's estate, when he laid the foundation for a happy home of his own by his marriage in Red Oak township on the 7th of March, 1872, to Miss Anna Goodrich, who was born and reared in Cedar county. She was a daughter of John Goodrich, of English lineage, who was numbered among the early settlers of this section of Iowa.

Immediately after his marriage Mr. Ferguson took charge of the old homestead, which then consisted of eighty acres, and directed his entire attention to its further development and improvement. That he was successful in his undertaking is indicated by the fact that from time to time he was able to buy more land, and eventually he became the owner of two hundred and forty acres in Fremont township. As the years passed he erected a good residence, added two large barns and substantial outbuildings, and the place became one of the valuable and attractive properties of the township. He continued to engage in agricultural pursuits with increasing prosperity until 1887, when, renting his farm, he removed to Mechanicsville, where he has since made his home. After his arrival in this city he purchased a livery barn on Main street, which he personally conducted for about six years, but he is now living retired, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil. He still owns the livery business, however, and this, with the rental of his farm, returns to him a compentency which makes it possible for him now in the evening of life to enjoy all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. Shortly after arriving in Mechanicsville he erected a neat and attractive residence which he still owns, and here he is living in honorable retirement, respected and esteemed by all who know him.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson were born four children, but the eldest, John G., is the only one now living. He is engaged in farming in Red Oak township. Those who have passed away are: Kittie, who died at the age of six years; Grace, whose death occurred when she was seven years of age; and Bertie, who died when four years old. On the 30th of March, 1909, Mr. Ferguson was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, whose remains were interred in the beautiful Red Oak cemetery by the side of her children, where a neat monument marks their last resting place.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson attended the Presbyterian church, the teachings thereof being the guiding spirit in their lives. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Mechanicsville, and in his political views has supported the democratic party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He served as district supervisor for several years. Coming to

Cedar county when but a lad, he has therefore been identified with the growth of this section of the country, and he has watched its development, has seen the building of the railroads and the introduction of the telegraph and telephone, and the adoption of all of those evidences of modern civilization which have transformed this district from wild prairie land until it has become today an integral part of one of the greatest commonwealths of the Union. The part he has taken in its development has ever been a helpful one, and with the passing years he has gained a high place among the business men of his community, the honesty of his dealings, the high standard of citizenship to which he has ever adhered and the sterling worth of his character all combining to win for him the confidence, regard and good-will of his fellowmen.

FERDINAND GOETTSCH.

With not an asset in this world but a strong, rugged body and perfect health, and owing for his passage across the ocean, Ferdinand Goettsch landed in Scott county, Iowa, twenty-nine years ago. He has paid back that passage money, has made himself a good home in the new world and is in a fair way of becoming one of the wealthy men of Cedar county. His success is due to his faith in his own ability and decided earnestness of purpose coupled with sterling honesty. He ranks among the representative citizens of the county and is worthy of a place in its history.

Mr. Goettsch was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, July 9, 1864, a son of Claus and Margaret (Luett) Goettsch, both of whom are natives of Germany and are still living. He attended the local schools of that country until he was sixteen years of age and then worked upon the home place. When he had attained the age of seventeen years he decided to make his way to America and begin life in the new country where the opportunities for advancement were greater than in his own. He had no money with which to pay his passage, so borrowed it from a friend and started on the long journey to the United States. He came at once to Iowa and for seven years worked as a farm hand in Scott county. His first duty was to pay for his passage and this he did with the first money he here earned. At the end of seven years he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Plymouth county, Iowa, and lived there until 1902, when he came to Cedar county and purchased the Francis Walker farm of two hundred and forty acres. This place was one of the early settled farms of the county and Mr. Goettsch has brought it to a high state of perfection. He has built a new hog house, remodeled the residence, built many outbuildings for storage of grain and implements and tiled the land thoroughly where necessary, and as a result has one of the finest farms in the township.

In Plymouth county Mr. Goettsch was married in 1889 to Miss Mary Benedix, a daughter of F. and Christina Benedix, natives of Germany, now residents of Woodbury county, Iowa. Mrs. Goettsch was born in Moline, Illinois, where her parents lived for some time when they first came to the United States. There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Goettsch five children, namely: Christina,

Lorenz, Ida and Ferdinand, all living at home; and Leonard, who died in infancy.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Goettsch were reared in the Lutheran faith, although they are not now connected with the church. Mr. Goettsch is a democrat and at the present time is serving his second term as township trustee and his third term as school treasurer. General farming has made him one of the substantial men of the township. His unbounded faith in his own resources and ability and in the future of agriculture may be illustrated in no better manner than to state that, when first he took charge of the one hundred and sixty acres of land in Plymouth county he had but five hundred dollars capital. But he has made good as farmer and citizen and is respected by all who know him.

W. C. HELMER.

The spirit of progress is manifest in the life record of W. C. Helmer of Mechanicsville, who has for many years been closely associated with farming and stock-raising interests in Cedar county, where he owns five hundred and sixty acres of rich and valuable land. Honored and respected by all, there is no man who occupies a more enviable position in business circles, this being due not alone to the success which he has achieved but also to the straightforward honorable methods which he has ever followed.

A native son of Cedar county, he was born in Pioneer township, March 19, 1868. His father, William Helmer, was born in Springville, Indiana, spent his youth in his native state and pursued his education in Greencastle, Indiana. When a young man he came west to Iowa, settling in Pioneer township, Cedar county. Four brothers made the trip and bought land together, becoming the owners of extensive holdings and opening up a large farm. It was in this county that William Helmer was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Cameron, who was born and reared near Carleton, Ohio, and was a daughter of William Cameron, also one of the early settlers of Iowa, who bought and operated a farm in Pioneer township. After being identified with general agricultural pursuits in this state for a long period and contributing in large measure to the material progress of the county along that line, William Helmer removed to Mechanicsville, where he engaged in merchandising. He later extended his efforts by establishing the first bank of the town in connection with a Mr. Gortner. Subsequently he disposed of his store in order to give his entire time and attention to the bank and was recognized as one of the foremost financiers of the county. He was known as a very kind, lenient man, a friend to the poor and the adviser of all who sought his opinions regarding business transactions. Substantial aid was never withheld when needed and his kindly spirit and good qualities won him the loving regard of all who knew him. As the years passed on he dealt largely in real estate, becoming the owner of several hundred acres of land. In connection with the banking company in which he was interested—Helmer, Elliott & Gortner—the firm owned over ten thousand acres. He also owned good business property and residences in Mechanicsville and was one of the best known men

of the county, the extent of his business activities, his cooperation in public affairs and his genuine personal worth gaining him a firm hold upon the esteem and friendship of the people throughout this section of the state. He died in 1906 and is still survived by his widow who now resides in Mechanicsville.

W. C. Helmer spent his youthful days under the parental roof and pursued his education in the public schools, completing the course in the Mechanicsville high school, after which he attended the Cedar Rapids Commercial College. He was afterward engaged in buying, feeding and shipping horses for two years and at the end of that time took up his abode upon a farm of five hundred and sixty acres near Mechanicsville which he now owns. He engaged in raising and feeding stock upon this place as well as cultivating the fields and he made a specialty of handling horses there for five years. Everything about the farm was kept in good condition. He repaired and rebuilt the fences, tiled the land and put the farm in good shape. It is today a valuable property and returns to him a gratifying annual income. In 1907 he removed to the town and bought a lot and one acre of land. He erected a good residence which he now occupies and from this point he manages his farming interests and live-stock business and also looks after his mother's farms. His interests are extensive and he is regarded a one of the leading business men of this part of Cedar county. The extensive holdings of the father were inherited by the mother and her two children, the sister of our subject being Mrs. Bessie Culver, a widow who resided with her mother until she passed away in September, 1910, leaving a daughter, Lillian Culver.

W. C. Helmer was married July 3, 1904, to Miss Maude Everhart, who was born and reared in Iowa, a daughter of Nicholas Everhart, one of the early settlers from Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Helmer have one son, Leonard. The family is socially prominent in the community and the success of Mr. Helmer in business affairs enables them to enjoy the privileges and opportunities which prosperity provides. Mr. Helmer has been a resident of Cedar county throughout his entire life and the family is numbered among the most honored of the pioneer settlers. He seems to have inherited his father's excellent business ability and is proving in his own record that success is not a matter of genius, as held by some, but is the outcome of enterprise, clear judgment and experience. While he is meeting with success in his undertakings, his labors, too, are proving an element in the general growth and progress of the county in which he is deeply interested.

CHRISTIAN SCHNEEKLOTH.

Christian Schneekloth, a retired resident of Sunbury, was identified with general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career, thus winning the competence which now enables him to spend the evening of life without recourse to further labor. His birth occurred in Holstein, Germany, on the 2d of June, 1847, his parents being Henry and Margarita (Schroeder) Schneekloth, who were likewise natives of that country. The father passed

away in Durant, Iowa, about 1878, while the mother's demise there occurred in 1900. Their children were seven in number, our subject being the third in order of birth.

Christian Schneekloth spent the first twenty years of his life in his native land and there obtained his education. In 1867 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, locating in Davenport, Iowa, where he secured employment as a farm hand and thus worked for four years. On the expiration of that period he rented one hundred and sixty acres of land in Scott county, devoting his attention to its cultivation for three years. Subsequently he operated a rented farm of one hundred and sixty acres near Walcott and in 1880 purchased a quarter section of land in Farmington township, Cedar county. He later bought an additional tract of eighty acres but disposed of the property and purchased eighty acres of land in Inland township, which is still in his possession. The work of the fields claimed his attention until the time of his retirement from active business life, and his well directed labors as an agriculturist brought him a substantial annual income. He sold his place of one hundred and sixty acres in Farmington township to his son Harry and now lives at Sunbury with his wife, owning a fine residence in that town.

On the 5th of March, 1872, in Davenport, Mr. Schneekloth was united in marriage to Miss Dora Hamann, a daughter of Henry and Christina Hamann, both of whom are deceased. Our subject and his wife have four children, namely: Harry, a resident of Farmington township; Malinia, who gave her hand in marriage to Frank Gurck and makes her home in Farmington township; Rudolph, living in Inland township; and Otto, of Walcott.

Mr. Schneekloth is independent in politics, not considering himself bound by party ties when exercising his right of franchise. Both he and his wife belong to the Lutheran church and their lives are in harmony with its teachings. In a land where effort is unhampered by caste or class he has worked his way steadily upward by dint of untiring perseverance and unfaltering integrity, being now numbered among the prosperous and respected citizens of his community. During the entire period of his residence in the United States, covering forty-three years, he has made his home in this part of Iowa and the circle of his friends here is therefore a wide one.

W. H. BLAIR.

The spirit of enterprise and determination which has actuated W. H. Blair at all points in his business career made him one of the active and prosperous merchants of Clarence, where for thirty-six years he has been engaged in the drug business. He has resided in Cedar county since 1857, coming to Iowa when a youth of fourteen years, his birth having occurred in Muskingum county, Ohio, April 17, 1843.

His father, William Blair, was born near Greensburg, Pennsylvania, March 12, 1804, and in his childhood days went to Ohio with his father, Gabriel Blair, a representative of an old Pennsylvania family of Irish lineage. William Blair

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spent his youthful days in the Buckeye state and became a farmer of Muskingum county, where he met and married Miss Permelia Argo, who was born and reared in the Buckeye state. She was a daughter of Jeremiah Argo, who was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, January 21, 1791, and was a grandson of Alexander Argo, a native of Scotland, who emigrated to the United States and settled in Sussex county, Maryland, where he died at the remarkable old age of one hundred years. William Argo, the father of Jeremiah, was born in Sussex county in 1762 and removed thence to Fayette county, Pennsylvania. He was a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal church for sixty-three years and died in 1845 at the age of eighty-three years. His son Jeremiah was third in a family of twelve children, all of whom reached adult age. He was a youth of fifteen when his father removed to Jefferson county, Ohio, and from there he afterward went to Colerain township, Belmont county,Ohio. In September, 1811, he attended a camp meeting conducted by Bishop Asbury, under whose teaching he was converted. During that meeting his mother rode twelve miles on horseback to inform him that he had been drafted for six months' service in the army. He went into camp at Hiram, Ohio, under General William Henry Harrison, and assisted in constructing Fort Meigs. On becoming ill with camp fever he was honorably discharged twenty days before the expiration of his term of enlistment. He was married August 26, 1813, to Anna Oxley, a daughter of Britton Oxley, and in December, 1825, removed to Muskingum county, Ohio. During the succeeding three months he occupied a log schoolhouse while he erected a dwelling on his own land. His family comfortably installed in their new home, he at once began to clear away the timber and develop the farm, bearing all of the hardships and difficulties of pioneer life. He remained upon the farm for thirty-two years and for seven years filled the office of township clerk, while for twenty years he was a class-leader in the Methodist Episcopal church. His family numbered nine children, three sons and six daughters. In the autumn of 1857 he left the old homstead and with his daughter, the only one of his children who remained at home, came to Cedar county, Iowa, arriving on the 22d of October. Here he continued to reside until his death. He was an active, earnest and diligent worker in whatever he undertook, was a man strictly temperate in his habits and all of his children followed his example, never using intoxicants nor tobacco. His home was always one of unbounded hospitality and particularly to the ministers of the church did he extend a hearty welcome. He died April 18, 1881, at the age of ninety years, two months and twenty-seven days, while his wife passed away October 17, 1855, at the age of sixty-six years.

Several years after their marriage, which occurred September 10, 1840, Mr. and Mrs. William Blair removed to Iowa in 1857, settling in Cedar county, where they arrived on the night of the 9th of April. About a year later they located on a farm south of Lowden, Mr. Blair purchasing an improved property, on which he spent his last days, his death there occurring October 27, 1859. His wife long survived him and died in Clarence, January 27, 1881. After the loss of her first husband she became the wife of Seth Wilson June 8, 1865, and with him removed to Adair county, where they remained for two or three years and then removed to this county. Mrs. Wilson's death occurred in Cedar county,

after which her second husband went to Davenport, where his last days were spent.

W. H. Blair, whose name introduces this record, came here when a youth of fourteen years. He pursued his education in the schools of his native county and Springfield township, this county, and later was a student for two terms in the high school of Tipton. He continued to assist his mother in the work of the home farm for a few years and later she came to make her home with him, spending her last days as a member of his household. Mr. Blair carried on the home farm until 1874, when he purchased a drug store in Clarence and is still conducting the same. He bought a lot on which is a good business block and here he carries a large line of drugs, fancy goods and miscellaneous merchandise. He has established a gratifying trade and is one of the well known and respected business men of the county. His business policy is one which will bear close investigation and scrutiny and his energy and determination have enabled him to overcome all the difficulties and obstacles in his path and work his way steadily upward to success. His store is neat and attractive in appearance and his stock is such as meets the demands of the purchasing public.

Politically Mr. Blair is a republican and cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864. He has served on but one jury during his entire life and that was the first murder trial in Cedar county, on which occasion he and two other young men held out for acquittal for a long time and finally agreed to a verdict of guilty and the prisoner was sent to the penitentiary. His attorney later secured a new trial in Muscatine county and won a verdict of acquittal, for on that occasion his innocence of the crime was thoroughly established. Mr. Blair has never sought nor desired office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his private interests. He has always been a strong temperance man and is a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has held the offices of steward and trustee, while in the Sunday school he has been an active worker.

CLINTON M. BUFFINGTON.

Clinton M. Buffington, proprietor of an extensive furniture store in Mechanicsville, in which connection he is also conducting the only undertaking business in the city, has attained a high position in mercantile circles here, his wise management and well directed efforts bringing him substantial success. A native son of Illinois, his birth occurred in Ogle county on the 7th of August, 1849, a son of Jonas and Emeline (Boddiger) Buffington, natives of Pennsylvania. The father, a carpenter and cabinet-maker by trade, followed that occupation in his native state until 1856, when he removed to Ogle county, Illinois, locating at Brookville. Later he removed to Lanark, Carroll county, that state, and there worked at his trade throughout his remaining days, his death occurring in May, 1908. He is survived by his wife, five sons, and a daughter, the family originally consisting of six sons and one daughter. Of this number one child was born ere the parents left Pennsylvania.

Spending the period of his boyhood and youth in his parents' home in Ogle and Carroll counties, Illinois, Clinton M. Buffington remained a resident of the last named county until eighteen years of age. In the meantime he had acquired a common-school education. In the practical school of experience he also learned many lessons concerning the value of industry, energy and perseverance, early becoming familiar with the tasks that fall to the lot of the country lad. Later he learned the baker's trade and as a young man of eighteen years came to Iowa, where he followed that trade in Maquoketa, Jackson county, for a time, and also was similarly engaged in Monticello, Jones county, for about two years and six months. He subsequently purchased an interest in a bakery business in Wyoming, Jones county, and was thus identified with that place until March 4, 1884.

Mr. Buffington was united in marriage May 10, 1882, the lady of his choice being Miss Elva Campbell, of Monticello. She is a native of Wisconsin, however, but was reared and educated at Monticello, where she also taught school for several terms. Her father, J. H. Campbell, was one of the early settlers of Wisconsin.

In the spring of 1885 Mr. Buffington located at Springville, Linn county, there opening up a bakery business, which he conducted successfully for twelve years, when he sold out in January, and February of that year witnessed his arrival in Mechanicsville. Here he purchased a furniture and undertaking business and in this connection has since been identified with the mercantile interests of this city. He has a well appointed store, handling a large stock of all that is latest and best in the furniture line, and in this connection has built up a most enviable trade, while as the proprietor of the only undertaking establishment of the place he is also meeting with success in that direction. Realizing that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement, he has ever striven to meet popular demand in every respect, while the policy of the house is such as has inspired the confidence and trust of the general public. With keen business discernment, supplemented by unfaltering energy and unflagging determination, he has utilized the innate talents which are his and made the best of the opportunities that have come to him, and thus with the passing years has built up a business which in its extent and importance ranks him among the enterprising and successful business men of Mechanicsville.

Nor have Mr. Buffington's efforts been directed toward the accomplishment of individual success alone, for he has ever been a most public-spirited citizen, cooperating in many measures which have been of material benefit to the community at large. He was one of the promoters of the local telephone company and a stockholder and director of the same since its organization, while he was likewise a promoter of the savings bank of Mechanicsville, of which he is also a stockholder. A stalwart champion of the cause of education, he served for some years as a member of the school board and was president of that body at the time of the erection of the new school building.

As the years passed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buffington was blessed by the birth of two daughters. Ruth, the elder, is a graduate of the high school and also pursued a course of two years in Coe College. She is now employed in

Chicago, Illinois. The younger daughter, Beulah, is a high-school graduate and is now at Coe College. Mrs. Buffington and her daughter Ruth are members of the Presbyterian church and are also identified with the Order of the Eastern Star, while in his fraternal relations Mr. Buffington is a member of the blue lodge and chapter of Mechanicsville; of the commandery at Anamosa; and the Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cedar Rapids. Politically he is a republican where national issues are involved, but in local elections he casts an independent ballot, supporting the men and measures which in his opinion are best adapted to conserve the public welfare. The honors and emoluments of office have never had attraction for him, as he has preferred to concentrate his time and energies upon the development of business interests. With him perseverance, diligence and integrity have constituted the guiding posts of life, bringing him to the honorable position which he now occupies in the opinion of his fellow citizens, and he has won his success as the legitimate and logical result of intelligence and well directed effort.

WILLIAM P. RATE.

William P. Rate, a substantial and representative agriculturist of Cedar county, owns four hundred and fifty acres of valuable land on section 19, Fremont township, adjoining Mechanicsville. There are two sets of buildings on the property, which is well improved in every particular and is known as the Pleasant Ridge Farm. Mr. Rate was born in Johnson county, Iowa, on the 18th of May, 1857. He is a son of William S. Rate, whose birth occurred in England in 1821 and who left that country when a lad of twelve years in company with his father, William Page Rate. The latter settled in the state of New York in 1835 and later took up his abode near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, there purchasing several hundred acres of land. In 1840 he located in Knox county, Illinois, and there resided for some years.

In that county his son, William S. Rate, was married to Miss Margaret Ditto, a native of Germany, the ceremony taking place on the 2d of July, 1848. Subsequently William Page Rate removed to Johnson county, Iowa, where he purchased and operated a farm in association with his son, William S. The latter there remained with his father for seventeen years, on the expiration of which period he came to Cedar county, and bought one hundred and sixty acres of raw prairie land in Linn township. To the development and improvement of that property he devoted his time and energies throughout the remainder of his active business career, bringing the land under a high state of cultivation and erecting good buildings. His demise, which occurred on the 20th of December, 1906, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he had won an extensive circle of warm friends here. His widow, who still survives, resides on the old home farm with two daughters.

William P. Rate, whose name introduces this review, was reared under the parental roof and assisted his father in the operation of the home farm until he was married at the age of forty years. Following that important event in

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his life he located in Fremont township, purchased two hundred and forty acres of his present farm and began improving the place. He erected a substantial residence and a large barn and surrounded the entire place with a woven-wire fence. After residing there for five years he bought an adjoining tract of two hundred and ten acres near the corporation limits of Mechanicsville, where he has since made his home. He is building a new barn at the present time and in fact everything about his place indicates the supervision of a practical and progressive owner. For many years he has been well known as a breeder of and dealer in high grade Aberdeen Angus cattle and has also raised Chester White hogs, fattening and shipping both cattle and hogs on an extensive scale. Alert, energetic, and enterprising, he has won a gratifying measure of prosperity in both his farming and live-stock interests and has long been numbered among the leading agriculturists of the community.

On the 22nd of September, 1897, in Tipton, Iowa, Mr. Rate was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda Herbst, a native of Cass township, this county, and a daughter of Henry and Johanna (Buhister) Herbst, both of whom were born in Germany. The father crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1840, first locating in New York and later in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The year 1848 witnessed his arrival in Cedar county, Iowa. He was a weaver by trade and followed that occupation successfully. Mr. and Mrs. Rate are the parents of a daughter, Ruby Velma.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Rate has supported the men and measures of the democracy. The honors and emoluments of office have never had any attraction for him but he has always been stanch champion of the cause of education and served as secretary of the school board for about six years. He has spent practically his entire life in Cedar county and enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance within its borders.

CYRUS A. McCORMICK.

Cyrus A. McCormick, living upon a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 6, Linn township, has been a lifelong resident of Cedar county, in fact he is one of the native sons of the township in which he still makes his home. He was born November 27, 1869, and is a son of James A. and a brother of H. C. McCormick, in connection with whose sketch on another page of this volume the family history is given.

On the old homestead Cyrus A. McCormick was reared and his youthful days were devoted to the work of the farm and the acquiring of an education. After attending the district schools he continued his studies in Mechanicsville and later attended the Northern Indiana Normal College at Valparaiso, Indiana, where he pursued a business course that qualified him for life's practical duties.

On the 14th of January, 1896, Mr. McCormick was married in Johnson county, Iowa, to Miss Nettie Slater, who was born and reared in that county and is a daughter of Samuel Slater, who came from Pennsylvania to Iowa when

this was still a pioneer district, the work of improvement and development being yet in its infancy. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. McCormick located upon the farm where they now reside. Not long afterward he erected an attractive and comfortable residence. He has also built two good barns together with outbuildings for the shelter of grain, stock and farm machinery. These include corn cribs, sheds and a hog house and his fields are enclosed with a woven wire fence. Altogether the place is a well improved farm lacking in none of the modern accessories, equipments and conveniences. In the early days the settlers of Iowa devoted their attention to breaking the sod and the raising of crops, but as the land has become rich and productive so that there is a large yield to the acre, the tendency has been to use a portion of the different farms for stock-raising. This course Mr. McCormick has pursued and now feeds and fattens from four to six car loads of cattle, hogs and sheep each year. He is a breeder of and dealer in shorthorn cattle, to which he has given his attention for some years. He has made exhibits and won premiums at the county fairs and is well known in this connection. He and his brother, H. C. McCormick, go west each fall and buy sheep, which they ship to their farms in Linn township, here feeding and fattening them for the market.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. McCormick has been blessed with two daughters, Helen May and Josephine E. The parents are well known in this locality and have a large circle of warm friends. Politically Mr. McCormick is a democrat and his value as a citizen is demonstrated in the fact that he has several times been called to local office, serving for three years as township trustee and for four years as township clerk. He has also served on the grand jury. He belongs to the Masonic Lodge in which he has taken the Master degree and he is widely and favorably known in Tipton and throughout Cedar county as one who belongs to that class of substantial citizens who are ever ready to uphold the legal and political status of the community and promote public progress along lines of substantial improvement and development. There is no sham or pretense in his nature. He is thoroughly genuine and reliable at all times and his friends rejoice in what he has accomplished in a business way.

LEONARD HINES.

Leonard Hines, who as mayor of Mechanicsville is now occupying the highest office to which his fellow citizens can elect him, is proving himself most capable and efficient in the discharge of the duties devolving upon him in connection therewith and is entirely worthy of the honor bestowed upon him in his selection to the office of chief executive. He also has large farming and stock-raising interests near Mechanicsville and although he makes his home in the village he gives personal supervision to his agricultural interests which, carefully conducted, are bringing to him a most substantial and gratifying success.

He is a native of Iowa, his birth occurring in Fremont township, this county, on the 16th of August, 1862, and is a son of Leonard R. Hines, who was born in 1821 in Ohio, where he was reared and educated. In 1843 he removed to

Illinois and there resided for about twelve years, after which he came to Iowa in 1855, locating in Fremont township, Cedar county. He engaged in general farming for a number of years, his home farm consisting of four hundred acres, while he also owned another tract of ninety-three acres in Story county. He is yet living at the ripe old age of eighty-nine years and makes his home in Mechanicsville. In Huron county, Ohio, in 1843 he was united in marriage to Miss Abigail Dymon, who was born in Pennsylvania, and unto them were born seven children: Henry, Frank, George, Ellen, Myron, Leonard and Charles.

No event of special importance came to vary the routine of life for Leonard Hines during the period of his boyhood and youth, which was spent on his father's farm in Fremont township. He acquired a good education, completing the course of study offered in the Mechanicsville schools, and the periods of vacation were given to the work of the farm, with which he early became familiar. He remained on the old homestead until twenty years of age, when he established a pleasant home of his own by his marriage, in April, 1882, to Miss Vesta Melton, who was born and reared in Fremont township, Cedar county. She is a daughter of Robert W. Melton, who was born in Vermilion county, Illinois, in 1846, and as a lad of ten years came to Cedar county, Iowa, where his youth was passed. In 1864 he married Nancy Zimmerman, a native of Pennsylvania, and they became the parents of five children, Vesta, George Orion, LeRoy, Lewis and Miles. The father was a substantial farmer of Fremont township for a long period but is now a resident of Cedar Rapids, having retired from agricultural life.

Following his marriage Mr. Hines began farming upon a tract of land belonging to his father and when his capital justified the step he purchased eighty acres of land near Mechanicsville, established his home thereon and gave his attention to the cultivation of the soil and to raising, buying and shipping stock. In connection with a partner he shipped more than three hundred carloads of stock per year, the business thus reaching a considerable volume. He also raises and feeds stock on his farm but since November, 1908, has made his home in Mechanicsville, in which year he purchased a residence there.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hines have been born three children: May, at home; Carrie, the wife of Robert Smith, a resident farmer of Fremont township; and Forest, who occupies a position in a mercantile house in Cedar Rapids. The family occupy a prominent social position and their own home is the abode of a generous and warm-hearted hospitality.

Mr. Hines is a worthy exponent of Masonry, holding membership in the lodge of Mechanicsville, while both he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star. The family attend the Presbyterian church and are interested in various projects for the welfare, upbuilding and improvement of the community. Mr. Hines gives his political endorsement to the republican party and has held several local offices. He has been elected and served as school treasurer and for twelve years was officially identified with the schools, acting for some time as trustee. In April, 1910, he was elected mayor of Mechanicsville and is the present official chief executive of the city, devoting much of his attention to the duties of the office, which are discharged in such a manner as to leave no doubt concerning his public spirit and his devotion to the public good. He brings to

bear in this connection the same sound judgment, systematic methods and honorable principles which characterize the conduct of his private business affairs, and his fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth, have written his name high on the roll of Cedar county's representative and honored citizens.

JOHN B. PARK.

John B. Park, residing on section 11, Linn township, was born in this county, January 6, 1849. He is a son of George W. and a brother of Enos and George Park. His father was born in Ohio and in his youthful days accompanied his parents to Tennessee, where he remained until sixteen years of age. At that time he came to Cedar county, Iowa, arriving in the spring of 1837. He drove a team much of the way but in order to lighten the load walked by the side of the team. He found here an undeveloped region, the land just as it came from the hand of nature. Only a few settlements had been made within the borders of the county, showing that the seeds of civilization had been planted. Mr. Park turned his attention to breaking the prairie, which he followed for several seasons and in different counties. About 1843 he went to Indiana and in Tippecanoe county, that state, was married. He afterward returned with his bride to Cedar county and became closely associated with the farming interests of this part of the state.

John B. Park was reared upon the old homestead farm and in Mechanicsville where the family spent four years. He continued to assist his father in the cultivation and development of the fields until the death of the latter, when he inherited a part of the estate, this being divided between the three brothers. John B. Park received as his share the one hundred and twenty acre tract of land upon which he now resides. It was covered with brush, which he cleared away, preparing it for the plow. After breaking the sod he planted the seed and in due course of time gathered rich harvests. He has made the farm what it is today, erecting in its midst a good house together with a substantial barn and outbuildings. The farm is divided into fields of convenient size by a woven wire fence, which protects the crops from the stock. He raises and feeds considerable stock and both branches of his business are proving profitable. The place is situated on section 11, Linn township, and as the years have passed he has met with well merited success, being justly and honorably earned.

Mr. Park was married in Linn county to Miss Emma C. Shank, who was born in Red Oak township, Cedar county, and is a daughter of Henry Shank, now a resident of Tipton. After their marriage the young couple took up their abode on the old homestead, Mr. Park cultivating the place for four years and after the estate was divided they settled at their present place of residence. Mr. Park has improved both places to a considerable extent and now has a well developed property that indicates his careful supervision, practical methods and progressive spirit.

Unto him and his wife have been born seven children, who are yet living:

William R. and Henry Earl, who are engaged in farming in South Dakota; H. N., an expert mechanic, who is operating a sawmill in Mason's Grove; Archie L., who operates the electric lighting plant at Mechanicsville; Homer V., who is cultivating the home farm; Carl B., who has started out for himself; and Chester G. Mr. and Mrs. Park also lost four children. They have triplets of whom two died in infancy, while Henry Earl, mentioned above, was the third. The other two children also died in infancy.

The republican party finds in Mr. Park a stalwart supporter for he believes that its principles are best calculated to promote the interests of good government. He is a public-spirited and progressive citizen and has been called to office, serving as road supervisor, while for two or more terms he was township trustee. He has also been a school official for a number of years and believes in the maintenance of good schools and the employment of competent teachers. A lifelong resident of the county, he has seen some of its best farms developed and has personally assisted in improving two farms, the attractive appearance of his place indicating an active and well spent life.

CHARLES W. JOHNSON.

Charles W. Johnson, who is familiarly called Will by his friends—and they are legion—is one of the successful business men, financiers and agriculturists of Cedar county, owning a neat and well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres adjoining the corporation limits of Mechanicsville. That he is among the older of the native sons of the county is indicated by the fact that he was born in Mechanicsville on the 18th of April, 1858. His father, Isaac B. Johnson, is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. Reared in his native city, Will Johnson began railroading when a young man in the tax department of the Northwestern Railroad Company, entering the service as an employe under his father. He continued in that position for twenty-five years with headquarters at Mechanicsville and his connection with the company, covering a quarter of a century, indicates clearly his fidelity to duty and his accuracy and promptness in the discharge of the tasks which were assigned him.

On the 26th of March, 1884, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Johnson, a native of Massachusetts, who spent her girlhood days and was educated in the Bay state, where later she engaged in teaching. Her father, Alpheus Johnson, was born at Hardwick, Massachusetts, and represented one of the early families of that state. He was a wheelwright by trade and followed that business in New England. He married Fanny Maria Turner, who was born and reared at Hardwick, and, following their marriage, they continued their residence in Massachusetts until 1878, when they came to Cedar county, Iowa, and settled on a farm near Mechanicsville, where both passed away some years later.

Following their marriage Will Johnson and his wife took up their abode in Mechanicsville, his connection with the Northwestern Railroad Company continuing until his removal to the farm in 1903. He has since remodeled the house

and now has a pleasant, modern residence. His well kept fields and the high grades of stock which he raises and feeds indicate his progressive spirit and his practical methods. His labors have at all times been attended with a measure of success that is indicative of unremitting diligence and intelligently directed effort. As the years have gone by the family home has been blessed with three children. Professor Graden W. Johnson, who is a graduate of Cornell College and is now principal of the schools of Sac City, Iowa, has made for himself an enviable reputation in educational circles. Recently he has received the nomination at the primaries for the position of county superintendent of schools of Cedar county. The daughters of the family are Helen and Mildred, the former a graduate of the Mechanicsville high school of the class of 1908.

The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Johnson serves as one of the church trustees. Mrs. Johnson is also an active church worker, cooperating in the different branches of work undertaken by the auxiliary church societies. Fraternally Mr. Johnson is connected with the Masons, holding membership in the lodge at Mechanicsville, while his wife is identified with the Eastern Star, being now one of its officers. His political support is given to the republican party, the principles of which he has endorsed since age gave him the right to vote. He has served on the town council, has filled the office of township trustee and has occupied other local positions to which he has been called by the vote of his fellow townsmen, who recognize his worth and ability and his fidelity to the public good. Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are widely and favorably known not only in Mechanicsville but throughout that part of the county and take a prominent part in the social interests of the community and in its moral progress.

JOHN CONNER.

Iowa, rich in its natural resources and its opportunities, is the home of many who claim the state as the place of their nativity and who recognize the fact that along agricultural lines especially the advantages here offered are equal if not superior to any furnished elsewhere in this broad land. Perhaps no other district can count among its population a greater number of native sons than can Cedar county. This class includes John Conner, who was born October 2, 1863, on the farm which is now his home and which embraces one hundred and sixty acres of rich prairie land on section 27, Pioneer township. As the name indicates, he is of Irish lineage. His grandfather, Edward Conner, was born on the Emerald isle and became one of the early settlers of Pennsylvania. He afterward removed with his family to the west, entering from the government a tract of land in Cedar county and casting in his lot with the pioneer settlers whose labors were proving a potent force in the reclamation of this region for the purpose of civilization. His son, Joseph Conner, had been born in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia. Some time after coming to Iowa he took charge of the home farm, which his father had entered from the government. He built a home on Clear creek, broke the sod and developed the place according to the progressive ideas of that period. He was married in this county to Miss Nancy

McKinzie, a native of Ohio and a daughter of John McKinzie, who came from the Buckeye state to Iowa during the pioneer epoch in the history of Cedar county. Joseph Conner reared his family upon the farm and continued to make it his place of abode until he was called to his final home in 1880. His widow still survives him and is now sixty-eight years of age.

John Conner is the only surviving son in a family of five children. He had one brother, Charles, who died when but two years of age. His sisters were: Rosella, the wife of John Ruble, of Mechanicsville; Emma S., the wife of Harry Cole, of Pioneer township; and Oceana, the wife of William Longabean. John Conner was reared upon the old home farm and at the usual age entered the district schools wherein he mastered the common branches of learning. He remained with his father until the latter's death and assisted in carrying on the farm. Following the demise of Joseph Conner Mr. McKinzie, the maternal grandfather of our subject, carried on the place for three years, and then John Conner assumed the management of the farm and business. Wide awake and enterprising, he is alert in the interest of the business and has fenced the place with woven wire and to some extent has divided his land into fields of convenient size. The work of repair is never neglected and the task of general improvement is carried steadily forward until field and meadow land yield rich returns in grain and cereal. Cattle, hogs and sheep fatten on his pastures and he annually sells a goodly amount of stock. He is resolute and determined, allowing no obstacles to bar his path when they can be overcome by honorable and persistent effort.

His political endorsement is given to the democratic party but he has never sought nor desired the reward of office as a recognition of party fealty. He has preferred to concentrate his energies and attention upon his business affairs and gradual progress has brought him to a position among the well-to-do farmers and stock-raisers of Pioneer township.

U. S. AND RUFUS FARRINGTON.

U. S. and Rufus Farrington are well known farmers of Fremont township living on section 4, where they own and cultivate one hundred and sixty acres of land. The farm is neat and well improved and the entire appearance of the place indicates the careful supervision and practical methods of the owners. Rufus Farrington was born September 23, 1870, while U. S. Farrington was born September 19, 1873. Their father, Philip Farrington, was a native of Chautauqua county, New York, his birth having there occurred October 12, 1831. He grew to manhood in that locality and in 1855 came to the middle west, thinking better opportunities were here offered. For two years he rented land, which he cultivated, and then removed to Benton county, where he engaged in merchandising, continuing there for about a year. Later he came to Cedar county, Iowa, and first entered a forty-acre tract of land on which not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made. His labors, however, soon wrought a transformation in the appearance of the place for it was not long before the sod was

broken and crops were planted. From time to time he purchased adjoining land until he became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres but later he sold forty acres of that tract. After living for a time in the west he returned to New York and was married in Cattaraugus county to Miss Betsy West, who was born and reared there. He then brought his bride to the farm which he had prepared and upon which he afterward reared his family. He also made the place his home until called to his final rest in 1904. He had for several years survived his wife, who died in December, 1899.

Rufus and U. S. Farrington have had charge of and carried on the farm for seventeen years. There are also three sisters in the family: Rosalia, who acts as housekeeper for her brother U. S.; Eliza, the wife of George Martin of South Dakota; and Lucinda, the wife of Ralph Simmons living in Battle Creek, Nebraska.

The brothers Rufus and U. S. Farrington purchased the home farm from their father about 1893. In the meantime U. S. Farrington spent two years in the Philippines. He was for one year connected with the United States army and stationed at San Francisco in the coast artillery. Subsequently he spent two years with the Fourth United States Infantry and participated in the Philippine war. He was thus on active duty with the regular army for three years and was then honorably discharged, at the end of which time he returned home and he and his brother began farming together. In connection with the cultivation of the fields they raise and feed stock and have about ninety head of high grade, pure blooded shorthorn cattle. They fatten a carload or more of cattle and two carloads of hogs each year.

Rufus Farrington was married in Black Hawk county, Iowa, to Miss Ella Maricle, who was born, reared and educated in Waterloo, Iowa, the wedding being celebrated September 23, 1903. In their political views the brothers are republicans and U. S. Farrington served as assessor for two years and also as a member of the school board for four years. His sister is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Walnut Grove. The Farrington brothers are both well known and are numbered with the leading farmers and stock-breeders of the county, gaining more than local reputation as dealers in shorthorn cattle. They display excellent business ability in the management of their affairs and are not only progressive in business but also in matters of citizenship.

JUDGE WILLIAM P. WOLF.

When the history of Iowa's prominent men shall be written the record will contain the name of no one more worthy the honor of his fellow citizens than was Judge William P. Wolf. He was Cedar county's foremost resident. There have been other men in Iowa who have attained to higher political honors, to greater military distinction and to greater success in the field of business and yet in all those lines his was a creditable record. That which won him a regard above many of his fellows was his unflinching loyalty to duty and his unqualified support of what he believed to be right. Even those who opposed him politically

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never doubted the integrity of his belief or the sincerity of his purpose and thus when the end came he passed on, leaving a name untarnished and a memory that will be cherished while any who knew him yet remain as active factors in the world's work.

Judge Wolf was born in Stark county, Ohio, in the village of Harrisburg, December 31, 1833, and when a small boy accompanied his parents on their removal to a farm in the vicinity of Marlboro, Ohio. He manifested a special aptitude in his studies and supplemented his district-school course by attendance at a seminary and high school. He afterward engaged in teaching in the union school at Limaville, Ohio. Subsequently he became principal of the Edinburg high school in Portage county, Ohio. During a part of that time he was under the instruction of Professor Holbrook, one of the distinguished educators of that state, afterward connected with the normal at Lebanon, Ohio. All through his life Judge Wolf remained a student, carrying his investigations far and wide into the realms of knowledge, so that in his later years he could draw from a rich fund of wisdom to illustrate his ideas or point his remarks. Determining upon the practice of law as his life work, he prepared for the profession in the office of Beirce & Pease, of Canton, Ohio, who directed his reading until 1856, when the family removed to Cedar county, Iowa, settling in what is now Gower township. Judge Wolf was at that time a young man of twenty-three years. Thereafter for a period he devoted his attention to farming, teaching school and reading law with Rush Clark of Iowa City as his preceptor. It was during those years that John Brown, the famous opponent of slavery, spent some time at Springdale, Iowa. Mr. Wolf, who had become convinced of the righteousness of the cause of abolition, became well acquainted with Mr. Brown and his men, even assisting them in helping negroes to the north. On one such occasion he took a hazardous midnight ride to Iowa City to baffle their enemies and to aid their enterprises. In this he manifested the same loyalty and fidelity to duty which were characteristic of him throughout his entire life.

In 1859 Judge Wolf was united in marriage to Miss Alice Macey and soon afterward established his home in Tipton, where he entered upon the practice of law. The successful work which he had done along educational lines led his fellow townsmen to solicit him to become a teacher in the grammar department of the Tipton union school. This he consented to do, dividing his time between his school work and his professional activities. Later he was chosen county superintendent of schools but on retiring from the office declined to take up any further educational work, desiring to devote his entire attention to the practice of law.

In the meantime Judge Wolf had become recognized as a prominent member of the republican party and in 1863 was elected to represent his district in the state legislature. In January of the following year he formed a law partnership with J. H. Rothrock who had returned from the army with impaired health. The relationship between them was maintained until Mr. Rothrock went upon the bench three years later.

Judge Wolf, however, put aside the duties of his profession in May, 1864, to render active service to the Union cause and succeeded in raising Company I of

the Forty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and was elected captain. The troops proceeded to Davenport and as soon as the regiment was organized they were sent to Cairo and thence into Tennessee, where they aided in guarding a railroad at Colliersville near Memphis in July. Here they were ambushed and attacked by Confederates and several of the company were wounded. Captain Wolf fell at the first fire, a ball passing through his right arm, entering the right side, passing through the body and lodging in the left hip. He was carried from the field almost dead and for some time his life hung in the balance. He never recovered from his injury, carrying the rebel lead to the last, and the wound ultimately caused his death.

After his return to Tipton, Captain Wolf resumed the practice of law in connection with Judge Rothrock and continued throughout the remainder of his life a prominent and honored representative of the bar of Tipton and of Iowa. At times he was called to public office and therefore divided his time between the duties that thus devolved upon him and the interests of his clients. He served as assistant collector of internal revenue under President Lincoln. In 1866 he devoted about six months to editing The Advertiser. The following year he was elected to the state senate, in 1867, and thus served until 1870, when he was chosen to congress to fill out an unexpired term. In 1882 he was returned to the legislature as a member of the lower house and in 1884 was reelected, after which he was chosen speaker of the house. A splendid parliamentarian, he made one of the best presiding officers that has ever occupied that post in the general assembly. During 1884 he was chairman of the republican state central committee and about that year was favorably mentioned for governor in many parts of the state.

When he retired from the speakership, the State Register of Des Moines said of him: "His skill and his success are alike the marvel and the admiration of all parties and even the opposition who were defeated in all their masterly tactics by his cool and remarkable leadership, joined in saying that it was honorably and fairly done. * * * * This is the best proof of leadership and manliness and Mr. Wolf by his splendid record this winter has so far increased his previous standing in Iowa that today no public man in the state stands in stature above him. * * * * The statesman from Cedar was the very man that the momentous situation in Iowa this winter demanded. It was the greatest good fortune of the state that the leader so necessary was so happily found."

When Judge Wolf was first spoken of in connection with the candidacy for governor, many of the newspapers of the state rallied to his support. The Maple Valley Era said: "There is no man in the state who is better versed in the public affairs of Iowa than he. During the entire period that he presided as speaker of the house not a single charge was brought against him by the opposition, claiming that his rulings were unfair or that he took any advantage whatever of the power placed in his hands. He has also served in congress where his ability and experience brought him to a position of influence." The Tipton Advertiser in speaking of Judge Wolf's candidacy for governor said: "His canvass has been all that the most scrupulously honorable could ask; it has antagonized no element whose good wishes are worth looking after; it meets the requirements

of the people that their governor shall be beyond small things—shall have the manhood to stand always and everywhere for principle and for those things that go to elevate the state, to broaden its fame and to stimulate its industries, and defend its institutions and enforce its laws. He fills every Jeffersonian requisite of personal honor, capability, patriotism and possesses those other qualifications of personal fairness and astuteness in debate, great vigor and energy in his conduct of a campaign and strength before the people that always go with strong men."

While Judge Wolf did not receive the nomination, the expressions of the press concerning him show in what regard he was held in the portions of the state where he was best known. While he was not without that laudable ambition which is the stimulus of honorable service in public office, he yet regarded the practice of law as his real life work and after Judge Rothrock was called to the bench, entered into partnership with S. V. Landt, a relationship that was maintained for many years. Following the removal of Mr. Landt to California, Judge Wolf formed a partnership with T. B. Hanley, which continued until he was elected to the bench of the eighteenth judicial district in the fall of 1894. He presided over that court up to the time of his death. His former law partner, Judge Rothrock, after his demise said "He was an able lawyer. I never knew a man at the Iowa bar who could try a case so well with so little time for preparation. He was not an orator in the popular sense, he was more than that. He was endowed by nature with the very strongest reasoning power and in a plain, unostentatious manner he presented every feature of his case with all the force of strong, logical and convincing argument." Upon the bench Judge Wolf made an equally creditable record, passing his opinions upon the law and the equity in the case, his course characterized by a masterful grasp of every question presented for solution. It was characteristic of him that upon his death-bed he requested that pen and paper should be given him that he might write his resignation as judge of the district court. This was in keeping with his whole course of life for he did not want to be paid for services he could not perform.

Unto the first marriage of Judge Wolf there were born six children: Mary, now the wife of James Snyder of Pasadena, California; Lucy, the wife of William Bowers of Rock Rapids, Iowa; Clara, the wife of Paul Ward of Banning, California; Louis, living in St. Joseph, Missouri; William, of Mount Vernon, Iowa; and Edith, the wife of Harry Stewart of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The death of Mrs. Wolf occurred in 1881.

In 1885 Judge Wolf married Miss Martha H. Redfield, a daughter of Colonel James Redfield. Her father was the twelfth and youngest son of Luther and Mary (Dryer) Redfield and was born in Clyde, Wayne county, New York, March 27, 1822, and came of early New England ancestry. His great-grandfather, Captain Peleg Redfield, was a soldier in the French and Indian war under General Wolff and four of his great-uncles were in the Revolutionary war, holding commissions under Washington, while two were killed in battle. The parents of Colonel Redfield were natives of Richmond, Berkshire county, Massachusetts. They were married May 19, 1803, and two years later started for western New York and on reaching Seneca county Mr. Redfield purchased land and cleared a large farm. In 1822 he removed to Clyde, Wayne county, New York

During the war of 1812 he was captain of militia of his home town and on the landing of the British at Sodus Point, Lake Ontario, in June, 1813, he and his company were attached to Colonel Swift's regiment which was summoned to the defense of that place. Marching all Sunday afternoon and night, they reached Sodus Point at sunrise in time to see the burning village and the retreating vessels of the enemy. Captain Redfield died in 1868 and his wife in May, 1853.

James Redfield attended the high school of Clyde and afterward entered Yale College as a freshman at the age of seventeen years. Following his graduation he returned to Clyde, where he entered upon the practice of law and the following year was elected county superintendent of schools of Wayne county, New York, filling the office for two years. In 1848, at the invitation of the Hon. Christopher Morgan, secretary of state of New York, he went to Albany and accepted a position in his office, becoming virtually supervisor of county schools for the state. Subsequently he engaged in merchandising in Albany until May, 1855, when he removed to Davenport, Iowa. There he made the acquaintance of Thomas Moore, subsequently his father-in-law, and with him spent some time in prospecting for a location. In connection with Mr. Stevens they at length purchased a large tract of land in the valley of the middle branch of the Raccoon river in Dallas county. There they founded the village of Wiscotta and since the death of Colonel Redfield the name of the town has been changed, being called Redfield in his honor.

Colonel Redfield was married in Beaver, Pennsylvania, May 2, 1856, to Miss Achsah Moore, a daughter of Thomas and Achsah (Harvey) Moore of that place. They became the parents of three children: Thomas Moore, Mrs. Martha Heard and Mrs. Mary Lewis. In October, 1861, Mr. Redfield was elected to the state senate of Iowa on the republican ticket and served on the ways and means committee and the committees on schools and public lands. He was afterward appointed by Governor Kirkwood, lieutenant colonel of the Thirty-ninth Regiment of Iowa Volunteers and was killed at the battle of Altoona Pass, Georgia, October 5, 1864. He resigned his position in the senate to enter the army and gave his life in defence of the Union. His widow long survived him, passing away in 1907.

A daughter, Martha Redfield, born in the town of Redfield, Iowa, became postmistress of the new state capitol and while there became acquainted with Judge Wolf, who was the first speaker of the house of the twentieth general assembly which was the first to occupy the new state capitol. Judge and Mrs. Wolf became the parents of two children, Louise Redfield and Walter Paul, both of whom are at home with their mother.

Judge Wolf was a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Loyal Legion. He died at his home in Tipton after a long and painful illness, on the 19th of September, 1896. The funeral services were in charge of the Cedar county bar and the Grand Army Post and Women's Relief Corps attended in a body, while many distinguished men from other parts of the state were present. Judge Rothbrock said of him: "He was my nearest neighbor for many years and it can be truthfully said that there was never a man of a more kindly nature and generous impulses. His daily life was a rare example of an

upright man without guile or malice in his heart. I believe that if he had been reduced to poverty he would have divided his last crust of bread with his bitterest enemy. But he had no enemies in the common acceptation of the term. He had rivalry in his public life. As a member of the senate, as speaker of the house, as a member of congress and judge of the district court he had the opposition common to political contests, but no man had cause to question his honor or the purity of his character. He was not learned in the classics but he was a scholar in the sciences, in philosophy, history and biography. Few men were possessed of more general information than he had."

W. R. Boyd, editor of the Cedar Rapids Republican, wrote editorially of him as follows: "The death of Judge William P. Wolf to those who knew him as a man and as a friend, is a personal loss for he was one of the most lovable characters who ever blessed this world. When death comes we usually throw the mantle of charity over all foibles and remember only the tender things in connection with the dead man's life. In the case of William P. Wolf the mantle needs not to be large. He had few faults to hide. Of vices he had none. Of weaknesses, perhaps a few, as the world judges. He was careless only of himself. He thought little of his personal attire and little of his bank account, but he thought everything of his honor and of his integrity; everything of his family, and he loved with intense devotion his fellowmen. If the beautiful dream of Leigh Hunt be true and in the Book of Life it be written that 'those who love their fellowmen lead all whom love of God hath blest,' then the name of William P. Wolf adorns the topmost page.

"We have known him since childhood and we know that all who have been similarly honored with his acquaintance will say yea and amen to what we have said here touching his character. He was a simple-minded man living near to nature's heart; fond of flowers and fields and the whole realm of nature's world. He was a student, too, of men and of books. His learning in the law was not more profound than his knowledge of general literature. He seemed to have traversed the whole field of history, of philosophy and of poetry. He possessed wit that might have been sharp and incisive as a two-edged sword had it not been for his kindliness.

"As a rule we expect to find men in possession of the characteristics of mind that William P. Wolf possessed, something of a lack of courage and that quality which we somewhat vulgarly call nerve. But William P. Wolf was the bravest of the brave. He fought for his country and almost gave his life for it. He really did not know what fear was, and had we needed evidence additional that his courage was sublime, it has been furnished us during the long weeks and months that he has faced death. He has looked into his open grave for many days without a shudder, without a murmur. It was characteristic of him that on one of his last days of consciousness, when speech had almost failed him, he called his wife, after a barber had finished shaving him and whispered to her, 'Give this young man a basket of grapes and some other fruit to take home to the children.' His generosity never knew any bounds. It overflowed his capacity for being generous and actually made him unjust to himself.

"Others have or will speak of his great qualifications as a lawyer and as a judge. We speak of him only as a man, tender, just, true and brave. A man

whom it was an inspiration to have known, and who, as he lies there dead, exemplifies again that old truth that 'neither riches nor power, nor high honor count for much after all, when we take the measure of stalwart men,' and proves again that, 'alone the actions of the just smell sweet and blossom in the dust.'"

SPENCER G. FRINK.

Spencer G. Frink, cashier of the Cedar County State Bank and thus well known in the financial circles of Tipton, was called to his present position in 1885 and the fact that he has continued therein to the present time is indicative of his thorough understanding and capability in the discharge of his duties as well as of the confidence reposed in him by the other officers of the institution and his popularity with the general public.

One of Cedar county's native sons, he was born in Dayton township on the 6th of January, 1861, his parents being Homer C. and Helen M. (Jobes) Frink. The Frink family is of English descent and was founded in Massachusetts, whence representatives of the name went to Connecticut and later to New York. The parents of our subject are both in good health, although the father is now eighty-six years of age. He was born in Albany, New York, March 5, 1824, and in 1848, when a young man of twenty-four years, became a resident of Little Rock, Kendall county, Illinois, while in 1854 he came to Cedar county, Iowa. The mother was born in Erie county, New York, March 25, 1837, and went with her parents to Kendall county, Illinois, in 1839. In 1859 Mr. Frink returned to Illinois and was married, and the same year came again to Cedar county, settling on section 1, Dayton township, where he entered two hundred acres of wild and unimproved government land. Year after year he carefully cultivated and developed the farm until he sold it March 1, 1908. Among those who entered land from the government he was the last in Dayton township to dispose of his homestead. In 1900 he removed to Clarence, where he and his wife now reside, and in 1909 they celebrated their golden wedding. Both are active and faithful members of the Wesleyan Methodist church. Mr. Frink is a prominent republican and was a delegate to the first convention of his party in Cedar county. He held various township offices, the duties of which he always discharged with promptness and fidelity. In his family were five children, of whom Spencer G. is the eldest. The others are: Sarah, the wife of Fred Decker of Dayton township; Homer and Howard, twins, who since 1907 have been residents of Alberta, Canada; and Alice, at home.

Spencer G. Frink has been a life-long resident of Cedar county and remained upon the home farm with his parents until he attained his majority. He pursued his education in the public schools and at Carthage College, Carthage, Illinois, which he attended for one year. He engaged in teaching school for three winter seasons, while the summer months were devoted to farm work. On the expiration of that period he came to Tipton and served as county auditor under

E. M. Elliott in March, 1882, filling the position until November, 1883. He then worked in the treasurer's office under O. H. Helmer until January, 1885, when he was called to the office of cashier of the Cedar County Bank. He is a popular official, always courteous and obliging to the patrons of the bank, and at the same time most loyal to the institution which he represents.

On the 8th of September, 1887, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Frink to Miss Blanche A. Dean, who was born in Tipton in December, 1863, and is a daughter of F. P. and Georgiana Dean. Their children, four in number, Helen, Gale, Margery and Lillian, are at home.

The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, in which the parents hold membership and in the work of which they are deeply interested. Mr. Frink has served as superintendent of the Sunday school and does all in his power to promote the various lines of church work. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party, has served as a member of the city council, and for the past eleven years has been president of the board of education, during which time the interests of the schools have been greatly promoted. In all matters of citizenship he manifests a public-spirited devotion to the general good that has brought him the high regard that is uniformly entertained for him.

PERRY WAYMAN MOFFETT.

Perry Wayman Moffett, a well known and prosperous farmer of Center township, whose home is a half mile east of Tipton, was born on the 21st of August, 1871, in Rome township, Jones county, Iowa, and is a son of Samuel C. and Drusy A. (Wilkinson) Moffett. The birth of the father occurred near Piqua, Miami county, Ohio, in 1841. He was a son of John and Sarah (Stevenson) Moffett, natives of Virginia and Ohio respectively. The last years of the grandparents of our subject were spent in Cedar county, Iowa. In their family were nine children of whom seven lived to maturity.

Samuel C. Moffett began his education in his native state but was only eleven years old when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Cedar county, Iowa, in 1852. They located in Red Oak township, where he spent the greater part of his life, though for a time he lived in Jones county. He always followed the occupation of farming and became the owner of a rich and valuable tract of four hundred acres in Center township. He was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church and his death, which occurred in Tipton, November 9, 1906, was deeply mourned by all who knew him. In early manhood he married Drusy A. Wilkinson, who was born in Center township, Cedar county, Iowa, in 1844 and is still living. She is the daughter of Philip and Elizabeth Wilkinson, early settlers of this region. Her father was a native of Indiana and on coming to Cedar county, entered three hundred acres of land south of Tipton, which is now in possession of our subject and upon this place he spent the remainder of his life with the exception of the few years he resided in Stanwood. His death, however, occurred on the old homestead farm which he had entered from the government. Only two of his children lived to maturity, while four

died in infancy. Unto Samuel C. Moffett and his wife were born three children, namely: Elizabeth, now the wife of Wendell Willer of Center township; Perry Wayman, of this review; and Wilkinson, who died at the age of twelve years.

Perry Wayman Moffett spent the first thirteen years of his life on the home farm and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Tipton, where he resided for four or five years. At the end of that time they located on a farm four and one-half miles south of that city in Center township, and upon that place our subject continued to make his home until the 30th of November, 1909, when he purchased his present place one-half mile east of Tipton, where he owns twenty-nine acres of land. He at once took up his residence in the brick house standing thereon and now makes that place his home. In connection with its operation he is also engaged in the cultivation of the old home place south of Tipton, which he owns, comprising four hundred and thirty acres, and besides this property he has a farm of one hundred and twenty acres two miles north of there. He devotes considerable attention to the raising and feeding of stock, having one hundred and fifteen head of cattle at the present time, about five hundred hogs and forty-one head of horses, mostly Percherons, being a breeder of that stock. In connection with his brother-in-law, Wendell Willer, this branch of his business is proving exceedingly profitable, and in all of his undertakings he has met with marked success, being progressive, energetic and industrious, and carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

In his political affiliations Mr. Moffett is an ardent republican and served one term as justice of the peace. His religious connections are with the Presbyterian church of Tipton, and fraternally he is an honored member of the Knights of Pythias; the Modern Brotherhood of America; the Knights of the Maccabees; and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is also connected with the Bankers Life and the Highland Nobles. He is now serving his second term as president of the Cedar County Fair Association and is also president of the Cedar County Poultry Association, being the second to fill that office. He is a member of the Cedar County Pure Bred Cattle Association and takes a very active part in promoting the stock interests of this section of the country. Public-spirited and progressive, he does all in his power to advance the welfare of the community in which he has so long made his home and no man stands higher in public esteem here than Perry Wayman Moffett.

JOHN GREIG.

Prosperity has attended the efforts of John Greig, who in the conduct of his farming and stock-raising interests manifests sound judgment and keen business discernment. He has lived in Dayton township for a long period and is the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land, constituting a well improved and valuable farm. In 1864 he arrived in Cedar county, being at that time a young man of about eighteen years. His birth occurred near Toronto, Canada, on the 17th of August, 1846.

JOHN GREIG

MRS. JOHN GREIG

His father, James Greig, was a native of Scotland and came to the new world with his parents when a youth of eleven years. He was reared to manhood in Canada and was there married to Jeannette Chisholm, also a native of Scotland. He followed farming in Canada and also engaged in importing and dealing in horses for a number of years. In 1864 he crossed the border into the United States and made a permanent location in Cedar county, Iowa, purchasing land in Dayton township. He became the owner of an extensive and valuable tract of six hundred acres and not only raised large crops but also continued an importer and dealer in horses for a number of years. He was a successful business man and farmer and was well known in Jones and adjoining counties. He died in Dixon, December 20, 1907, having previously removed to that town, in which he lived retired for a few years prior to his demise. His wife survived him for several years. Their family numbered three sons and five daughters. Of the brothers Dr. Greig and John Greig are the survivors, while another brother, James, grew to mature years and passed away in 1873. All of the sisters are yet living, namely: Mary, the wife of William Shearer of Clarence; Jean, the wife of David Grace of Scott county, Iowa; Elizabeth, the wife of A. D. Claney, a business man of Stanwood; Anna, the wife of W. H. Hart of Sac City, Iowa, and Jeannette.

After coming to this county, when a young man of about eighteen years, John Greig assisted in opening up and carrying on the old home farm, giving his father the benefit of his services until he had attained his majority and started out in life on his own account. He was twenty-one years of age when in Red Oak Grove on the 17th of December, 1865, he wedded Maggie Ferguson, who was born in Cedar county and was a daughter of John Ferguson, a native of New York, who arrived in this county in October, 1836, being one of the first settlers in this portion of the state. He had been married in New York, his first wife being Isabelle Starack, a native of Scotland.

At the time of their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Greig established their home on a farm in Dayton township, beginning with one hundred and sixty acres of land. In addition to this he also rented and cultivated other land and subsequently made other purchases until he became the owner of a large and valuable tract of three hundred and twenty acres. The place is fenced with woven wire which protects his crops from the stock. He raises and feeds considerable stock and also breeds and deals in draft horses. In 1899 he removed to Clarence and purchased a residence near the schoolhouse. Later he sold that property and bought where he now resides in the vicinity of the business portion of the town.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Greig have been born five children, but on the 26th of November, 1909, they suffered deep grief in the loss of their elder son, James F. Greig, who met death from an accident on that date when thirty-four years of age. Another son, John W., is now carrying on the home farm. Jeannette Isabelle is the wife of E. B. Hoyman, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. Margaret J. is the wife of George A. Sylvester, a farmer of Dayton township. Mabel completes the family.

The family are members of the Presbyterian church at Clarence, in which Mr. Greig is serving as an elder, while he and all his family take an active interest

in the church and Sunday-school work. He has voted with the republican party since casting his first presidential ballot for General Grant in 1872, never failing to support each presidential candidate from that time to the present. While on the farm he served as road supervisor, was also officially identified with the schools for a number of years and was township trustee for nine years. He was a member of the town council for four years and for one term has served as mayor of the city, in which connection he faithfully performed the duties of the office so that progress and improvement were conserved and necessary reform work was done. He has been a delegate to numerous city, county and state conventions and has served on both the petit and grand juries. Judged by the consensus of public opinion Mr. Greig deserves to be classed with the prominent and representative citizens of Clarence and of Cedar county, where his genuine personal worth has gained him the high regard and lasting friendship of those with whom he has come in contact.

GEORGE S. FINDLAY.

George S. Findlay, a progressive, energetic and enterprising farmer and stockman residing on section 35, Fremont township, is the owner of two hundred and forty acres of well improved and valuable land. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of Cedar county, his birth having here occurred on the 16th of March, 1868. His father, James Findlay, who was a native of Scotland, emigrated to the United States in early manhood, settling in Connecticut. He was a weaver by trade and followed that occupation in the Charter Oak state, where he wedded Miss Martha Hamilton, who was likewise born and reared in Scotland. About 1860 he came west to Cedar county, Iowa, and here purchased land, opening up a farm. He became well known and highly esteemed as a prosperous and representative agriculturist and as his financial resources increased added to his holdings by additional purchase until he owned two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land. He passed away here about 1891, having for some years survived his wife. They were the parents of two daughters and four sons, as follows: Mrs. Agnes Griffin, a widow residing in Hayward, Iowa; Millie, the wife of James Speer, a farmer of Red Oak township; James and John, both living in Shelby county, Iowa; George S., of this review; and William, living in Stanwood.

George S. Findlay was reared on the home farm and after his father's death operated the place in association with his brother William for two years. The two young men purchased the interests of the other heirs and subsequently our subject sold the property to his brother and bought the farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Fremont township where he now resides. He has placed many substantial improvements on the property and has added to and remodeled the residence, which is an up-to-date and modern structure, heated by a furnace and lighted by gas. In addition to his home place he owns a near-by farm of eighty acres in Red Oak township. In connection with the tilling of the soil he devotes considerable attention to the raising and feeding of high grade stock, including

thoroughbred shorthorn cattle. He fattens from four to five carloads of cattle and hogs annually and in recent years has bought and fed one or two carloads of sheep each winter. He has met with success in all of his undertakings and is widely recognized as one of the substantial and respected citizens of his native county.

On the 8th of April, 1891, in Center township, Cedar county, Mr. Findlay was united in marriage to Miss Ruth E. Rickard, who was born and reared in this county. Her father, William Rickard, was one of the honored pioneer settlers here and participated in the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Findlay now have five sons and three daughters, namely: Marion, James, Clarence, Leland, Howard, Genevieve, Agnes and Helen.

Mr. Findlay is a republican in politics and has served as assessor for one term. He is an active worker in the local ranks of the party and was sent as a delegate to the county convention. Fraternally he is a Master Mason and belongs to the blue lodge at Mechanicsville. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. They have spent their entire lives in Cedar county and are widely and favorably known within its borders, having ever displayed those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime awaken confidence and regard.

EDWARD F. WALSHIRE.

Edward F. Walshire is engaged in the cultivation of a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in the home place and also cultivates one hundred and sixty acres of land elsewhere. He makes his home on section 20, Fremont township, and the qualities which he displays in carrying on his business have gained him recognition as one of the representative farmers of this locality. He has lived in Cedar county since 1878, and has therefore been a witness of its growth and development for almost a third of a century. He was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, July 10, 1872, and is a son of John Walshire, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. His youthful days were spent upon his father's farm, where his time was divided between the work of the fields, the duties of the schoolroom and the pleasures of the playground. He mastered the elementary branches of learning in the district schools and afterward attended the high school at Mechanicsville and was graduated therefrom with the class of 1891. After attaining his majority he determined to make his life work the pursuit to which he had been reared, and rented land, which he cultivated and improved.

It was on the 21st of February, 1900, in Mechanicsville, that Mr. Walshire was united in marriage to Miss Cecelia O'Malley, who was born, reared and educated in Mechanicsville. After their marriage Mr. Walshire rented land and began farming near his father's place. In 1909 he purchased his present place and took up his abode thereon in March, 1910. Here he has one hundred and twenty-two acres of land, together with a farm of one hundred and sixty acres elsewhere, which he cultivates. The work of plowing, planting and harvesting is carefully done by him and from time to time he has made further improvements

upon his property, enhancing the productiveness of the soil by tiling, protecting his crops by fences and whenever needed, making repairs. He has a neat and well improved farm and in addition to its cultivation raises and feeds stock. He breeds and deals in Aberdeen Angus cattle of a high grade, and now has a herd of about fifty head upon his place. He also makes a specialty of Duroc Jersey hogs and usually fattens from three to five carloads annually. He also sells about two carloads of fat steers each year.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Walshire have been born two children, William John and Edward Marvel. The parents are members of the Catholic church. In his political views Mr. Walshire is a democrat but has no time nor inclination to seek public office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs in which he is meeting with good success. The greater part of his life has been passed in Cedar county and at all times he has cooperated in the movements for its upbuilding and improvement, at the same time carefully controlling his individual interests whereby he is winning substantial success in his farming operations.

WILSON ERVIN.

Wilson Ervin, a successful and well known agriculturist of Springdale township, is the owner of a highly improved farm of one hundred and ninety acres on section 30. His birth occurred in County Down, Ireland, on the 15th of August, 1868, his parents being David and Margaret (Wilson) Ervin, who were likewise natives of that place. The year 1880 witnessed their emigration to the new world and for four years the family home was maintained in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. The father was actively identified with general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career and he passed away in Johnson county, Iowa, in 1894, when sixty-eight years of age. The mother still survives, however, and now makes her home at Downey, this state. Their children were six in number, as follows: David and Alexander, both of whom are deceased; Margaret, who lives with her mother; William James, a resident of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; John, who died in infancy; and Wilson, of this review.

The last named was a youth of twelve when he came to the United States with his parents and four years later accompanied them to Oklahoma, where the family resided for about twelve months. In 1885 our subject came to Iowa with his parents, who located on a farm in Muscatine county, situated a mile and a half south of Downey on the Cedar county line. He early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops, and the work of the fields has always claimed his attention. After living in Muscatine county for four years he carried on agricultural pursuits in Johnson county for a period of seven years and then took up his abode on his present farm, to the operation of which he has devoted his time and energies continuously since. The property adjoins Downey on the north and comprises one hundred and ninety acres on section 30, Springdale township. Mr. Ervin has placed many substantial improvements thereon and has brought the fields under a high state of cultivation.

In connection with the tilling of the soil he also devotes considerable attention to the breeding of shorthorn cattle and both branches of his business have proved a gratifying source of remuneration to him. He assisted in the organization of the Downey Savings Bank and has since been a director thereof.

In January, 1899, Mr. Ervin was united in marriage to Miss Helena Korthels, who was born in Missouri on the 13th of August, 1874, and was reared in Oklahoma and Kansas. Her parents, Carl F. and Caroline J. (Krage) Korthels, both natives of Germany, came to the United States about 1873 and now reside in Oklahoma. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ervin have been born four children, namely: Carl, Elizabeth, Earl and Wilson, Jr.

Fraternally Mr. Ervin is identified with the Woodmen of the World at Downey and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at West Liberty, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church. During his residence in this community he has gained many warm friends, who hold him in high regard because of his true worth and sterling characteristics.

DANIEL MASON.

That one is the owner of an Iowa farm of considerable extent is at once proof of the fact that he is at least in comfortable financial circumstances for in all the United States there is no richer soil than can here be found and none that responds more readily to cultivation. Mr. Mason is numbered among the wide-awake, enterprising and prosperous farmers and stock-raisers of Linn township, owning a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres on section 16. He was born in Linn township, July 20, 1863, and is a son of John Mason, whose birth occurred in Indiana in 1830. The latter's father was William Mason, who removed from Indiana to Iowa about 1836 and took up his abode in Cedar county where he opened up a farm now known as the Samuel Rhoads place. Upon the homestead property John Mason was reared, early becoming familiar with the hardships and difficulties incident to pioneer life and at the same time aiding largely in the development of the home place. After arriving at years of maturity he married Miss Sarah Andre, a native of Pennsylvania, and a representative of one of the pioneer families of Cedar county. Turning his attention to farming as a life work, he established his home in Linn township and as he prospered in his undertaking made further investment in property until he was the owner of several hundred acres of land in different farms. He reared his family in Linn township and spent his entire life here, becoming well known in Cedar, Johnson and Linn counties as a representative agriculturist and valued citizen. He died April 10, 1906, and is still survived by his wife who resides in Tipton.

Daniel Mason is the second of a family of four sons and a daughter, the others being: William, who was reared in Iowa and went to California, where his death occurred; Charles, a resident of Tipton; Frank, who makes his home in California; and Eunice, the wife of Gil Stine, a resident farmer of Cass township.

Upon the home farm Daniel Mason spent the days of his boyhood and youth and the common schools afforded him his educational privileges. He worked in the fields when not busy with his text-books and on attaining his majority wisely chose as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared. After his marriage he rented the farm of his father-in-law for two years and then located where he now resides. He has since built to and remodeled the house, has put up two barns and has also added sheds and cribs for the shelter of grain and stock. The raising and feeding of stock also constitutes a feature of his farm and the source of a gratifying income. He labors diligently and persistently and his life record is another proof of the fact that success is the result of unfaltering energy intelligently directed.

In 1896 Mr. Mason was married in Linn township to Miss Abbie Shawver, who was born and reared in this county and is a daughter of Milton Shawver, one of the early settlers that Indiana furnished to this part of the state. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Mason have been born five children who are yet living: Venus, Lola, William, Nellie and Mildred. They also lost two children, Ivan, who died at the age of two years and an infant daughter. The parents are members of the Christian church and Mr. Mason in his political faith is a democrat. For forty-seven years he has been a resident of Cedar county and has therefore witnessed much of its growth and the changes which have been wrought. At all times he has stood for progress and improvement in public affairs as well as in private life and his cooperation has therefore been a factor in various measures promulgated for the public good.

FREDERICK J. STAAB.

Frederick J. Staab, one of the progressive young farmers and substantial citizens of Pioneer township, living on section 8, was born in that township, on the 12th of June, 1879, being the son of Christopher Staab, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany. The father was born in 1826 and in his native land grew to manhood and on coming to the new world first located in Albany, New York, where he spent about nine years. At the end of that time he proceeded to Iowa, and on reaching this state purchased land and also entered a tract in Jones county, coming into possession of two hundred and fourteen acres, which he and his brother operated in partnership for a few years. He then sold out to his brother and removed to Cedar county where he purchased two hundred and fifty-one acres of raw prairie land now owned by his widow and son Charles. To the improvement and cultivation of that tract he devoted his energies for many years, erecting good and substantial buildings, and in connection with the cultivation of the soil also engaged in the raising of stock. He died upon this farm January 10, 1904, and is still survived by his wife, who now makes her home with her daugther in Lisbon, Iowa. To them were born three children, the sons, Frederick J. and Charles, being twins. The latter lives on the old homestead farm and is one of the enterprising and successful farmers and stock-

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raisers of this locality. He is married and has one son. Effie M., the only daughter, is now the wife of Thomas J. Beckett of Lisbon.

Upon the home farm Frederick J. Staab was reared to manhood, early acquiring an excellent knowledge of all the duties, which fall to the lot of the agriculturist and when not engaged in the work of the farm he attended the common schools and thus acquired a good practical education. He remained at home until after the death of his father and on the 7th of Setpember, 1906, was married in Blue Earth, Minnesota, to Miss Mae Kohl, a daughter of Duane Kohl, one of the pioneers of Cedar county. Mrs. Staab was born, reared and educated in this county, her home being in Mechanicsville, and by her marriage has become the mother of one child, Mary Bernard.

After his marriage Mr. Staab located in Jones county, Iowa, where he purchased eighty acres of land and engaged in its cultivation for two years. He then sold that place and bought a tract of one hundred and sixty acres on section 8, Pioneer township, Cedar county, where he now resides. Here he has since successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising, fattening a large number of hogs for the market each year. He also gives considerable attention to the raising of shorthorn cattle of a high grade and has a number of good horses upon his place. He is one of the most energetic and progressive agriculturists of his community and is a public-spirited citizen, taking a commendable interest in public affairs. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the democratic party and his aid is never withheld from any enterprise which he believes will prove of public benefit.

FRANK BARTSCHER.

Frank Bartscher, a representative agriculturist of Farmington township, there owns a well improved tract of two hundred and eighty acres and also has a quarter section of land in Inland township, this county. His birth occurred in Waldeck, Germany, on the 23d of November, 1850, his parents being Henry and Catherine Bartscher, further mention of whom is made in connection with the sketch of William Bartscher, a brother of our subject.

Frank Bartscher attended school in Germany and there spent the first fifteen years of his life. In 1865 he set sail for the new world and after landing on American shores made his way direct to Davenport, Iowa, working as a farm hand in Scott county for about seven years. On the expiration of that period he came to Cedar county, here cultivating rented land for a short time. Subsequently he purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Farmington township in association with his brother Daniel, the two young men remaining in partnership for four years. At the end of that time Daniel Bartscher sold his interest in the place and returned to Germany, leaving our subject to operate the farm alone. When two years had passed he purchased an eighty-acre tract of land near by and later bought an adjoining tract of similar size, so that his holdings in Farmington township now embrace two hundred and eighty acres. Here he carries on general farming and stock-raising with the assistance of his

sons, his interests in this connection returning to him a gratifying annual income. He likewise owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in Inland township, renting the property to his son Harry. He made all of the improvements on his home farm, which is up-to-date in all of its appointments, the buildings thereon including a fine residence, a substantial barn and other structures providing ample shelter for grain and stock.

On the 23d of April, 1873, Mr. Bartscher was united in marriage to Miss Emma Jammer, a daughter of John and Lena (Bush) Jammer, both of whom were born in Germany and are now living retired in Durant, Iowa. Unto our subject and his wife were born nine children, namely: Annie, who is the wife of John Kroeplen, of Farmington township, this county; Emma, who gave her hand in marriage to Gerhart Schwarting and resides in Sunbury, Iowa; Dora, who was married August 24, 1910, to Hugo Prahl and lives in Doon, Iowa; Harry, who wedded Miss Clara Schneekloth and lives on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Inland township, this county; August, Arnold, Lulu and Ralph, all at home; and Frank, who passed away in 1888, when six years of age.

In politics Mr. Bartscher is a democrat and now holds the office of road supervisor, having served in that capacity for five years. He was also school director for five years. He belongs to the German Lutheran church and his wife and children are also members thereof. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized. He here found the opportunities he sought, and, making the most of them, has steadily worked his way upward until he well deserves to be numbered among the leading and successful citizens of Farmington township.

FRITZ COOK.

Fritz Cook, a retired agriculturist residing in Sunbury, was long and successfully identified with farming interests in this county. His birth occurred on the island of Fenmern, Germany, on the 10th of August, 1850, his parents being Fritz and Annie (Wandschneider) Cook, who were likewise born on that island. The father's natal day was June 29, 1817, while the mother's birth occurred on the 19th of April, 1821. Fritz Cook, Sr., who crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1867, passed away in Sunbury, Iowa, on the 28th of July, 1890, while his wife was called to her final rest on the 16th of June, 1900. Their union was blessed with eight children, seven sons and one daughter, all of whom were born in Germany and three of whom are deceased.

Fritz Cook obtained his education in the schools of the fatherland and there spent the first seventeen years of his life. In 1867 he emigrated to America in company with his brother Andrew, first locating in Davenport, Iowa, where he worked as a farm hand for two years. On the expiration of that period he rented a farm of two hundred acres in association with his father and two brothers, while later he purchased eighty acres of land in Farmington township, Cedar county. Subsequently, in 1889, he bought a tract of eighty acres on which the

village of Sunbury now stands. He likewise purchased three hundred and twenty acres in Lyon county, later trading the property for a quarter section of land near Durant. He also owns three hundred and twenty acres of improved land thirty-five miles south of Winnipeg, Canada, one hundred and sixty acres in Cedar county and the place where he is now living retired. Through the careful conduct of his agricultural interests in former years he won the competence that now enables him to enjoy well earned rest, surrounded by all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

On the 15th of January, 1876, Mr. Cook was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Fredericka Bull, a daughter of John and Megretha (Miller) Bull, both of whom were natives of Holstein, Germany. They made the voyage to the new world in 1857, first settling in Davenport, Iowa, while in the spring of 1864 they came to Cedar county, here spending the remainder of their lives. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cook were born seven children. William, whose natal day was February 7, 1879, died on the 10th of December of the same year. John, who was born on the 19th of November, 1876, is a resident of Sunbury. Annie G. is the wife of George Schlunsen and resides in South Dakota. Celia G., who gave her hand in marriage to Henry Dettman, makes her home in Bennett, Iowa. Albert, who was born on the 11th of July, 1882, lives in Sunbury. Herman H. and Hugo H., twins, were born on the 24th of April, 1884, and are now engaged in the banking business in South Dakota.

Where national questions and issues are involved Mr. Cook supports the democracy but at local elections casts an independent ballot. He served as school director for nine years and has been township trustee for six years, ever discharging his official duties in a most prompt and able manner. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Lutheran church, exemplifying its teachings in their daily lives. His friends—and they are many—know him to be a man of high principles and stalwart purpose and throughout the community in which he lives he commands the respect and confidence of those with whom he has come in contact.

GEORGE DAVIDSON.

George Davidson is one of the promnient and well known farmers and stock-raisers of Cedar county, owning and cultivating the old homestead farm on sections 17, 20 and 21, Fremont township. The place comprises two hundred and forty acres of valuable land, which has been brought under a high state of cultivation and annually returns good harvests for the care and labor bestowed upon it. The present owner and occupant of this farm dates his residence in the county from 1861, arriving here when a lad of nine years. He was born in Thompsonville, Connecticut, January 7, 1852, and is a son of Joseph Davidson, a native of Ireland, who, when a young man, crossed the Atlantic to the new world, settling first in Connecticut. There he remained for about ten years. He had been married in Ireland to Miss Elizabeth McClellan, a native of the Emerald isle, and it was shortly after their marriage that they made the voyage

to the United States. On leaving Connecticut in 1861 they came to Iowa and took up their abode where their son now resides, purchasing forty acres on which was a small house. The land had been partially broken and Mr. Davidson began to further improve and develop the property to which he afterward added as his financial resources increased, until he became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres, constituting a well improved property upon which he reared his family. He died in 1876 at the age of fifty years, and is still survived by his widow, who resides with her daughter in Jones county, Iowa.

George Davidson supplemented his early education by study in the Mechanicsville high school, and remained with his father until the latter's death. He afterward purchased the old home place of his brother and subsequently invested in eighty acres of land adjoining, so that he is now the owner of a good property of two hundred and forty acres, constituting one of the well developed farms of the county. He has added to and remodeled the house, has built barns and other outbuildings, has fenced the fields and has carried on the work of improvement along modern and progressive lines. He has largely used woven wire to fence his place and the farm presents a neat and attractive appearance that indicates his careful supervision and painstaking, practical methods. Stock-raising is an important feature of the farm, his specialty being hogs, of which he feeds and fattens a large number each year. A sale of hogs, which he has recently made, netted him twenty-one hundred dollars. He also raises good horses and has a standard trotting Hambletonian.

Mr. Davidson was married in Fremont township in May, 1881, to Miss Mary E. Jackson, a native of Rock Island, Illinois, where her girlhood days were spent and her education was acquired. She is a daughter of Richard Jackson, Sr., and a sister of W. A. Jackson and Richard Jackson, Jr., of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Davidson have been born six children: Joseph R., who is married and follows farming in Palo Alto county, Iowa; Fred, who is associated with his brother Joseph in his farming operations; Harry, who assists in carrying on the home farm; Mabel, the wife of Charles Andre, a farmer of Pioneer township; and Lucille and Ethel, at home.

In his political views Mr. Davidson has always been a republican with firm faith in the efficiency of the republican party as a factor in good government. He has served for three terms as justice of the peace and has declined further political honors. He has, however, been a delegate to the county conventions and has done duty on both the petit and federal juries at Cedar Rapids. He and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church of Mechanicsville and Mr. Davidson belongs to the blue lodge and the chapter of the Masonic fraternity at that place, and to Anamosa Commandery, K. T. He is likewise connected with the Mystic Shrine at Cedar Rapids and is regarded as one of the best posted Masons in the work of the order in eastern Iowa. He has filled the office of master of the lodge and is now high priest of the chapter and both he and his wife belong to the Eastern Star. He is thoroughly in sympathy with the teachings of the craft and conforms his life thereto. The history of Cedar county is largely familiar to him and events which are to others matters of

record are to him matters of personal experience and observation, for over a half century he has been a witness of the county's development and along material lines has aided in its growth.

THOMAS JAMES.

Thomas James, whose demise occurred at Springdale, December 3, 1887, successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits for a number of years and was widely recognized as one of the extensive landowners and respected citizens of Cedar county. His birth occurred in Columbiana county, Ohio, on December 3, 1809, his parents being John and Martha (Bangham) James, who were reared and married in Virginia. Thomas James, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Wales and settled in Virginia after emigrating to the United States. The maternal ancestors of our subject were of English birth.

Thomas James was one of three sons and three daughters born to his parents and was the only member of the family who came to Iowa. He remained a resident of his native county until forty-two years of age and in 1851 took up his abode in Cedar county, this state, entering land in Gower township about four miles north of Springdale. Soon afterward he removed to a farm one mile west of Springdale, devoting his attention to its operation for ten years. During the remainder of his life he made his home at Springdale, there passing away December 3, 1887, when seventy-eight years of age. He conducted a store in Springdale for a few years but followed farming throughout the greater part of his active business career and at one time owned about five hundred acres of land in one body. Success crowned his labors and he was long numbered among the substantial and representative citizens of his community.

In the fall of 1841 Mr. James was united in marriage to Miss Hannah McBride, who was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, on the 10th of May, 1817, her parents being Evan and Jane (Pennock) McBride, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania respectively. Her paternal grandfather, Stephen McBride, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war and also fought against the Indians. While in the army he was converted and joined the Friends church. He loyally defended his country's interests until honorably discharged but refused a pension, having become antagonized to warfare. The parents of Mrs. Hannah James spent the greater part of their lives in Columbiana county, Ohio, and there she lost her father when but eight years of age. The mother lived to attain her ninety-seventh year, passing away at the home of her daughter Hannah.

Mrs. James is the only surviving member of a family of six children, one of whom was born after the father's death. She lived in Columbiana county until the time of her marriage and there taught school for a number of years. The record of her children is as follows: Leicester, who enlisted for one hundred days' service in the Union army, died a few months after the expiration of his term. For two years prior to his enlistment he had been a student of the Iowa State University. Homer, an attorney and merchant of Linn county, makes

his home at Springville. Mary passed away at the age of five years, her demise occurring soon after the removal of the family to Iowa. Mrs. Martha J. Apple, who was educated at the State University and the State Normal School, followed the profession of teaching for a number of years and now resides with her mother at Springdale. John Evan likewise died soon after the family home was established in this state. Emeline and Angeline, twins, are both deceased, the former passing away in infancy and the latter at the age of three years. Walter is a resident of California.

Thomas James was a republican in his political views and served as justice of the peace for many years, his fair and impartial decisions winning him "golden opinions from all sorts of people." He also held other local offices and, being fond of reading, kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He was reared in the faith of the Friends church and attended its services but never became a member thereof. His widow has now passed the ninety-third milestone on life's journey and is remarkably well preserved for a woman of her age, her faculties being still largely unimpaired. She yet resides in Springdale and has a host of warm friends throughout the community which has remained her home for almost six decades. As recently as five or six years ago she delivered some very good speeches at meetings of the Old Settlers Society and her mind has always remained bright and active. She has been an elder in the Friends church for many years and acts as such at the present time. In automobiling she finds recreation and pleasure and frequently takes a ten or fifteen mile drive.

ROBERT C. WALTERS.

Robert C. Walters is a representative of one of the old and well known pioneer families of Cedar county. He was born three miles northeast of Tipton, in Fairfield township, in one of the typical log cabins of the early days. His birth occurred December 22, 1856, and in the intervening years, covering more than half a century, he has been a continuous resident of Cedar county. When he was only a year old his parents removed to what became the family homestead on section 34, Fairfield township. Extended mention of his father and mother is made in connection with the sketch of J. P. Walters on another page of this volume.

Robert C. Walters was early trained to the work of the home farm, becoming familiar with the tasks incident to its development and cultivation in his boyhood days. He divided his time between the work of the fields and the acquirement of an education in the public schools and remained upon the old homestead up to the time of his marriage, when he bought a farm adjoining his father's place on the east. He thus came into possession of eighty acres of land and later he added eighty acres more, thus becoming the owner of one hundred and sixty acres on section 33, Fairfield township. He occupied that place for ten years when he sold out with the intention of going to Kansas. Changing his plans, however, he cultivated a rented farm for three years, after which he

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purchased the Stone Mill property, two and one-half miles south and a half-mile west of Tipton in Center township. This comprised one hundred and sixty acres of land. Later he traded forty acres of this for a home in Mount Vernon, which he still owns. He sold the remainder of his farm in March, 1910. In the meantime he rented his land for ten years and made his home in Mount Vernon, that he might give his children the better educational advantages offered in a town. While residing there he occupied a position as traveling salesman.

Mr. Walters was married first to Miss Elizabeth Ocheltree, who was born near Tipton on the 19th of August, 1855, and was a daughter of Maurice Ocheltree. She died at Mount Vernon, September 15, 1900. After losing his wife Mr. Walters went to California, where he remained for two years. He then returned to Cedar county and on the 28th of October, 1905, was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Nannie (Wisener) Sheets, who was born in Ohio in 1857 and in 1865 came to Iowa with her parents, Amos and Marinda (Pitsenbarger) Wisener, who are now residents of Tipton. On removing to Iowa, however, they first settled in Mechanicsville, and later took up their abode in the county seat. Nannie Wisener was first married on the 9th of May, 1875, to Jacob Sheets, who died April 5, 1900. She had five children by her first marriage: Arthur, a resident of Omaha, Nebraska; Roy, living in West Liberty, Iowa; Frank, whose home is in Cedar Rapids; Myrtle, who is the wife of Roy Stewart of West Branch, Iowa; and Evelyn, the wife of O. L. Wright of Cedar Rapids. By his first marriage Mr. Walters had three children: Forest, who is living in Mount Vernon; Roy, at home; and Elsie, of Rock Island, Illinois.

After his second marriage Mr. Walters resided upon the farm for a year before taking up his abode in Tipton, where he now makes his home. He was one of the first members of the Modern Woodmen Camp in this county, having been identified with the organization for a quarter of a century. He has spent practically his entire life here and those who have known him from boyhood to the present are numbered among his stanchest friends, a fact which indicates that his has been an honorable record, winning for him the good will, confidence, trust and respect of his fellowmen.

EDWARD W. HENDERSON.

A farm of two hundred acres on section 4, Fremont township, is the property of Edward W. Henderson, who is classed with the active and progressive agriculturists of the community. He is yet comparatively a young man, so that undoubtedly further success awaits him in the future. Iowa claims him as one of her native sons, for his birth occurred in Linn county, December 12, 1871. His father was William Henderson, a native of Ohio, who came to Iowa when a young man and settled in Linn county, where he followed the cooper's trade, which he had previously learned. He was married in that county to Miss Sarah Read, who was born in Ohio and reared in Cedar county, Iowa, where her father had located at an early day. Following his marriage Mr. Henderson

removed to Cedar county, settling upon a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Fremont township. There he reared his family and carried on general agricultural pursuits for more than a quarter of a century. He afterward sold the property and removed to Mechanicsville, where he now lives retired, enjoying in the evening of life a well earned rest from labor, for his former toil had provided him with capital sufficient to meet all of his requirements.

E. W. Henderson spent his youthful days on the home farm and attended the common schools, while later he spent two years as a pupil in the high school of Mechanicsville. He received practical training along business lines through the assistance which he rendered his father in carrying on the work of the fields and later he engaged in ditching and laying tile, working a gang of men for three years in Cedar and Jones counties. After his marriage he bought land where he now resides, his first investment making him the owner of eighty acres which he began to clear and develop. He later built a large two-story dwelling, supplied with furnace heat and water works. It is a thoroughly modern home and not the least of its attractive features is its warm-hearted hospitality. Mr. Henderson has also put up good barns and other outbuildings upon his place, so that ample shelter is provided for grain and stock and farm machinery. From time to time he has purchased land until he now owns two hundred acres. He possesses marked mechanical ability and has recently become interested in concrete and cement work. In 1909 he built a good bridge of those materials over the brook between his residence and the road. It is a single arch bridge and forms a part of a well kept driveway which leads from his house to the public highway. His residence stands on a hill—a natural and attractive building site—and commands a splendid view of the country for miles around. Since Mr. Henderson put in the bridge for himself he has been called upon to do much concrete and cement work for others in the neighborhood, including the building of three public bridges in Jones county. He has also built numerous foundations for houses and barns and put in a concrete foundation for a church, employing five or more men in this way. He has constructed and perfected a machine for mixing the cement and can turn off in excellent condition the work for which he takes a contract. At the same time he carefully manages his farming interests and in addition to tilling the soil is successfully engaged in raising and feeding stock, fattening for the market from two to four carloads of cattle and hogs each year. In addition to his other interests Mr. Henderson was one of the promoters of the Evergreen Telephone Company and served as its president for a number of years.

On the 14th of December, 1893, in Greenville, Iowa, Mr. Henderson was married to Miss Anna Barr, who was born, reared and educated in Jones county, Iowa, and is a daughter of Uriah Barr, who came to this state from Ohio. In his political views Mr. Henderson has ever been a republican where national issues are involved, but casts an independent local ballot, supporting the men whom he regards as best qualified for office wtihout giving thought to party affiliation. He has been officially identified with the schools for ten years and is now serving as president of the school board.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Henderson have been born four children: Harry, who assists in carrying on the home farm; Harland; Vera; and Verna. A resident of

this section of Iowa throughout his entire life, Mr. Henderson has become widely known through his business interests and social connections, and his strongly marked characteristics are those which commend him to the confidence and good will of his fellowmen who entertain for him warm regard.

MARTIN GOODALE.

Martin Goodale, a worthy citizen and highly respected farmer living on section 16, Linn township, is the owner of a farm of one hundred and fifty-one acres. The promises of early spring find fulfillment in the autumn harvests and aside from the cultivation of the fields he derives a good income from stock-raising. He belongs to that younger generation who have followed the pioneers in their work of developing the county—a generation that has wrought along modern and progressive business lines, bringing the county up to its present high standard of improvement and progress. Mr. Goodale was born in Center township, August 11, 1867, and is a son of Joseph Goodale, whose birth occurred in Wheeling, West Virginia, in 1826. The paternal grandfather, Marvin Goodale, was a native of Vermont but was reared in Connecticut. He afterward went to Virginia and later removed to Crawford county, Ohio, where he followed farming and reared his family. The year 1852 witnessed his arrival in Cedar county, Iowa, at which time he purchased farming land. His last years were here passed and the county numbered him among its representative citizens.

Joseph Goodale was largely reared in Ohio and when a young man came with his father to Iowa, where he soon established his position as an enterprising farmer and reliable business man. He was married here to Miss Mary Robinson, who was born and reared in Indiana. He located in Center township, where he opened up a farm of two hundred acres. The greater part of the land was still uncultivated when it came into his possession, being covered with native prairie grasses but he soon broke the sod and prepared the soil for the seed. In the course of time good crops were harvested and gratifying financial returns rewarded the efforts of the owner. Mr. Goodale spent his last years upon his farm, passing away in 1882. In their family were three sons and two daughters who reached adult age: Laura, now the wife of George Stuckenbruck, a farmer of Calhoun county, Iowa; Martin of this review; Lester, who owns and carries on the old home farm; Orin, who reached adult age but met death by drowning in 1887; Aurora, who for years was a very successful teacher and was then elected and served for two terms as county superintendent of schools, but died in August, 1909, at the residence of her brother Martin.

Upon the home farm in Center township Martin Goodale spent his youthful days. He knew the pleasure of boyhood sports and performed the tasks assigned him in the district schools in the acquirement of an education. Neither was his training at farm labor meager for from early youth he assisted his father and after the latter's death largely aided his mother, taking charge of and carrying on the home farm after he had attained his majority. He early learned the

value of industry and perseverance and through these substantial qualities he has gained success as the years have gone by.

Mr. Goodale was married in Center township, February 7, 1894, to Miss Charlotte Shearer, who was born and reared in this county and was a teacher prior to her marriage. She is a daughter of John Shearer, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, who learned and followed the miller's trade. When a young man he learned of the inducements offered by the new world and sought the opportunities and advantages to be found on this side of the Atlantic. He was married in Iowa to Miss Sarah Church, a native of Cedar county and a daughter of Moses B. Church, one of the pioneer settlers of this region. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Goodale has been born one son, Harlan M. Following their marriage Mr. Goodale operated the home farm until the spring of 1902 when he removed to Stanwood and purchased a farm in Dayton township. He there built a good residence with substantial barns and a double crib. He also set out a small orchard and carried on farming there until 1906 when he sold that property and purchased the place upon which he now resides, taking up his abode thereon in 1908. He has since done much repair work, bringing the entire farm into good condition. He practices the rotation of crops and follows modern methods in keeping the soil productive. With his farm work he raises and feeds stock and has some pure blooded Aberdeen Angus cattle and others of high grade. He is a member of the Aberdeen-Angus Association and regards this breed of cattle as among the best. He also raises and fattens hogs, selling a large number each year.

While Mr. Goodale gives the greater part of his time and attention to his farming interests he is not neglectful of the duties of citizenship and on political questions keeps well informed. He has served as a delegate to county conventions but does not desire office for himself. His entire life has been spent in Cedar county and his good qualities have gained him the favorable regard and commendation of friends and neighbors. He is a man of good business ability and has ever recognized the fact that in business affairs and in every relation of life honesty is the best policy. He therefore has the confidence and esteem of the entire community.

DANIEL ALBAUGH.

Daniel Albaugh, an honored veteran of the Civil war and a prominent citizen of Linn township, residing on section 9, has made his home in Cedar county since 1852 and throughout his business career has been identified with agricultural pursuits. He was born on the 11th of December, 1839, in Carroll county, Ohio, of which state his parents, John and Catherine (Simmons) Albaugh, were also natives. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, continued to reside in Ohio until 1852, when he brought his family to Cedar county, Iowa, and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Linn township, which had been partially improved. To the further development and cultivation of that property he turned his attention, continuing to follow farming for many years.

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At different times he owned three farms, but finally retired and removed to Cedar Bluffs, where he died about 1889. His wife passed away later in the same year. They were the parents of the following children: William was reared and married in Ohio and later came to Iowa, his home being now in Mechanicsville. John removed to California in 1853. Samuel is deceased. Daniel is the next son. Jacob makes his home in North Dakota. Joseph is a resident of Cedar county, Iowa. The daughters are: Rebecca, who was married at the time of her death; Maggie, now the wife of Cyrenus Terwhilleger, of Oregon; Mary, the wife of David Zollers, of Nebraska; Sarah, who died in O'Brien county, Iowa; and Leah, who makes her home with her brother Daniel.

Daniel Albaugh was about thirteen years of age when he accompanied his parents on the removal to Cedar county and upon the home farm he grew to manhood, assisting in the labors of the fields and attending the district schools near his home. When the Civil war broke out his patriotic spirit was aroused and in 1862 he joined Company C, Twenty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was first under fire at Fort Gibson. He was later with Grant in the battle of Champions Hill, the siege of Vicksburg and the second battle of Jackson, after which his regiment returned to Vicksburg and subsequently followed Banks to New Orleans. He was in the Red river expedition and later went to Virginia, participating in the battles of Winchester, Fishers Hill and Cedar Creek. His command joined Sherman's forces and went as far as Goldsboro, North Carolina. When the war was over and his services were no longer needed, Mr. Albaugh was honorably discharged and mustered out in August, 1865. Fortunately he was never sick or confined in the hospital for a single day.

Returning home Mr. Albaugh resumed farming, remaining on the old home place until he was married, in Tipton, July 2, 1868, to Miss Jane Glancy, a native of Linn county, Iowa, who spent her early life in that county and Johnson and Cedar counties, Iowa. She is a daughter of Thomas Glancy and by her marriage has become the mother of six sons and one daughter, namely: Eugene, who is married and lives near Iowa Falls; Glen Roy and Park, both at home; Emmett, who is married and resides in Linn county; Bert, who is married and follows farming in Jones county, Iowa; Louis, who is conducting a livery stable in Mechanicsville, Iowa; and Effie, the wife of O. J. Seylar, of Kossuth county, Iowa.

After his marriage Mr. Albaugh located upon a farm of one hundred and sixty acres which was practically unimproved and he and his wife began their domestic life in a log cabin. As the years have passed he has transformed the place into one of the most attractive farms of the locality, has erected a neat and substantial two-story residence, has built two good barns and other outbuildings, has set out an orchard and now has one of the best improved farms of Linn township, consisting of three hundred and forty acres. Besides this property he owns another forty-acre tract in Cedar county and has eighty-four acres of pasture land in Johnson county. He gives considerable attention to the raising and feeding of stock, shipping three carloads of hogs and one of cattle to market each year.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Albaugh has affiliated with the republican party, casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, and for

every presidential nominee of that party since that time. He has served acceptably as school director and township trustee and has been a delegate to the county conventions of his party. He is today an honored member of the Lisbon Grand Army post and is one of the few remaining soldiers of the rebellion, who valiantly fought for the old flag and the cause which it represented. He has been found as true to his country's interests in days of peace as in time of war and is justly regarded as one of the best citizens and most reliable men of his community.

LOUIS PAUSTIAN.

Louis Paustian, who has accumulated four hundred and eighty acres of valuable land in Farmington township, has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits with more than ordinary success, being a man of unfaltering industry, good business ability and keen discrimination. His birth occurred in Scott county, Iowa, on the 3d of April, 1859, his parents being Christian Frederick and Christini (Roehs) Paustian. The father, who was born in Holstein, Germany, on the 14th of January, 1822, learned the mason's trade in that country and afterward participated in the war of 1848 as a soldier in the German army, acting as aide-de-camp to Prince Von Noer. After the war he became aide to the Prince's eldest son and as such traveled all over Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and North and South America, visiting practically every part of the world. In 1852 he came to the United States and in association with his father-in-law and brother-in-law purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Scott county, Iowa, from the government. In partnership with his father-in-law he broke the raw prairie with oxen and began the work of farming. Subsequently he bought another tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Scott county, residing thereon until called to his final rest. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and he took a deep and helpful interest in public affairs.

It was in 1852, in Scott county, that Christian F. Paustian wedded Miss Christini Roehs, by whom he had twelve children, as follows: Caroline, who first became the wife of Claus Gimm and after his death wedded Mathew Greenwalt, of Scott county; Fred, who makes his home in Minnesota; August, living in Scott county; Emma, the wife of Christian Paustian, of Scott county; Louis, of this review; Sophia, who is the wife of William Bumann and lives in O'Brien county, Iowa; James, Charlie and Minnie, the wife of Herman Minert, all of whom reside in Scott county; Bertha, who is the wife of Henry Paulsen, of Muscatine county; and Henry and George, who are deceased.

Louis Paustian obtained his education in the district schools of his native county and assisted his father in the work of the fields until the time of his marriage. Following that important event in his life he rented eighty acres of land and was busily engaged in its cultivation for three years. On the expiration of that period he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of his present home place in Farmington township, Cedar county, and later bought a tract of eighty acres across the road. Subsequently he made an additional purchase of two

hundred and forty acres, so that his land holdings in Farmington township now embrace four hundred and eighty acres. He farms half of the land himself and rents the other two hundred and forty acres to his son. The fields indicate his careful supervision and practical methods, bringing forth rich crops which are a merited reward for his labor. It is now his intention to retire from farming and he will probably remove to Durant in the near future.

On the 25th of April, 1883, in Davenport, Mr. Paustian was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Suhl, a daughter of Claus and Helena (Schieser) Suhl, who were natives of Germany and St. Petersburg, Russia, respectively, and are now deceased. They were married in Scott county, Iowa, and there established their home. Mr. and Mrs. Paustian are the parents of five children, namely: James J., who wedded Miss Maggie Wulf and lives on one of his father's farms in Farmington township; Albert L., at home; Adolph C., who married Miss Malinda Burmeister and resides on another of his father's farms; and Leonard L. and Charlie A., who are at home and assist their father in the conduct of the home place.

Mr. Paustian is a democrat in politics and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to several positions of public trust. He served as assessor for ten years and has been trustee for six years, holding the latter office at the present time. He has likewise acted as a school director and is now serving in the capacity of road supervisor. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias at Sunbury, while religiously he is connected with the German Lutheran church, to which his wife and children also belong. His entire life has been spent in this part of the state and he has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as a prosperous and respected citizen.

WILLIAM A. JACKSON.

William A. Jackson, of Mechanicsville, is the owner of five hundred and seventy acres of land, making him one of the prosperous representatives of agricultural interests in Cedar county. His property is situated in Fremont township and to its cultivation Mr. Jackson gives personal supervision and derives therefrom a gratifying annual income. He also owns three hundred and twenty acres of land in South Dakota. Moreover he is numbered among the early settlers of the county, dating his residence here from 1865. He arrived when a young lad of nine years, his birth having occurred in Rock Island, Illinois, on the banks of the Mississippi, May 26, 1856.

His father, Richard Jackson, was for years one of the active and progressive farmers of Red Oak township. He owned more than one thousand acres of land of which four hundred and forty acres constituted the old homestead, while six hundred are in Fremont township. He carried on general farming in this country from 1865 until his removal to Mechanicsville, when he bought out the lumber business which he conducted for a number of years. At length he bought a lot and built a residence. He also bought and owns a business house and owns several dwellings which he rents. In business affairs his judgment is sound,

his discrimination keen and his labors have been effective elements in the upbuilding and progress of the town and county. He is one of the worthy citizens that Ireland has furnished to the United States, his birth having there occurred in 1831. He was reared there to the age of twenty-two years and then came to the new world in 1853, settling first in Connecticut. In that state he remained for two years, after which he went to Illinois, establishing his home in Rock Island county, where he carried on farming for eight years. In 1865 he came to Cedar county, Iowa, and here purchased eighty acres. After improving that property he bought more land from time to time until his holdings were among the most extensive in the county. He put splendid improvements upon his land, erected good buildings and was extensively engaged in the raising of grain. He also raised and fed some stock and was numbered among the most successful and progressive agriculturists of the community until he left the farm and removed to Mechanicsville to become identified with business interests there.

On the 10th of March, 1855, Richard Jackson was married in Connecticut to Miss Nancy McKane, who was born in Ireland and died in this county in 1888. There were six children of that marriage: William A., whose name introduces this record; Mary E., the wife of George Davidson, a farmer of this county; Martha, the wife of Joe Davidson, of Cedar county; Richard, who is connected with agricultural pursuits in this county; John J., who is living on the old homestead farm in Red Oak township; and Jennie, who became the wife of William J. Dallas, and at her death left three children. The father of this family is today numbered among the prominent citizens of Cedar county and his life record proves that the accident of birth and nationality does not determine the value of citizenship in this country. Loyal to the interests of his adopted land, he does all in his power to promote the welfare of the community in which he cast his lot and where he has long been favorably known for the sterling traits of character that he ever displays.

Coming to this county when a lad of nine years, William A. Jackson assisted in opening up the farm and developing the property. He remained with his father until about thirty-five years of age, associated with him in farming interests, and at that time he took charge of the farm and business.

On the 3d of October, 1900, in Mechanicsville, Mr. Jackson was united in marriage to Miss Sophronia Ferguson, who was born and reared there and is a daughter of John Ferguson, one of the early settlers of the county. After their marriage they located upon Mr. Jackson's farm three miles east of Mechanicsville. He erected an attractive and comfortable dwelling there, also put up four barns and a work house thirty-two by fifty-nine. His fields are carefully cultivated with due attention to the care of the soil and the needs of the crops and he also raises and feeds stock, being very successful in handling cattle and hogs, in which connection he ships from three to five carloads each year. He has recently purchased a fine residence property in Mechanicsville and there makes his home at the present time, although giving personal supervision to his farming interests.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have been born three children, Jennie L., John R. and Alberta. Mr. Jackson votes with the democratic party and belongs to

the Masonic fraternity, being identified with the blue lodge and chapter at Mechanicsville, with Anamosa Commandery and with the Mystic Shrine at Cedar Rapids. He is now junior warden in the lodge and has served as junior deacon. Both he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star and Mrs. Jackson is a member of the Presbyterian church, while Mr. Jackson attends the services of that church. Forty-five years' residence in this county has made him widely known and his fidelity to manly and honorable principles has gained him the high regard and enduring friendship of many with whom he has come in contact. Energetic, prompt and notably reliable, he has, moreover, the gift of common sense which is too often lacking and which enables one to judge correctly of possibilities and utilize opportunities. He has made steady progress in his business from his boyhood days to the present time, and while he has won success he has also gained an honored name.

CHARLES B. KAHLER.

There are few idle hours in the life of Charles B. Kahler, for with persistent diligence he devotes himself to the cultivation and improvement of the farm of one hundred acres, which he owns on section 12, Pioneer township. In its control he displays good business ability as well as a practical understanding of the best methods of tilling the soil so as to produce good crops. Cedar county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Mechanicsville, February 6, 1870.

His father, Martin Kahler, was a native of Stark county, Ohio, born in 1842, and was there reared. He enlisted when nineteen years of age for the defense of the union, joining Company E of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of hostilities. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged and returned home with a creditable military record. Another year was spent in Ohio, at the end of which time he came to Cedar county, Iowa, and settled in Mechanicsville, where he engaged in teaming and farming. He afterward purchased the land upon which his son Charles now resides, becoming the owner of about eighty acres, which was covered with brush and timber. This he cleared away and in the course of time was plowing and cultivating his fields, his energy and perseverance enabling him to transform the tract into a productive property. He located on the farm in 1874 and after a time erected a good residence there and further improved the place by building good barns and sheds for the protection of grain, stock and farm machinery. Thus, one by one, the improvements of a modern farm were added. He was married in this county to Sarah E. McKay, who was born in Ohio and came to Iowa in childhood. Here she was reared and spent her childhood days in the home of her father, David McKay, one of the early settlers of this district, coming from Ohio to Iowa in pioneer times. Mr. Kahler died upon the home farm in 1895 and is still survived by his widow, who is now a resident of Mechanicsville. Their family numbered three children: Charles of this review; Arthur R., living on a farm in Delaware county, Iowa; and Clara E., the wife of Lincoln Risley of Pocahontas county, Iowa.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Charles B. Kahler in his boyhood and youth. The duties of the farm and of the schoolroom claimed his time and attention and like most boys he indulged heartily in youthful sports. He was early trained, however, to habits of industry and diligence and assisted in clearing the farm and making the place a well developed property. He remained with his father until the latter's death and afterward purchased the interest of the other heirs in the old home place, which he now owns in connection with his mother. His early school privileges had been supplemented by a course in the Mechanicsville high school, from which he was graduated, and by a commercial course at Des Moines. So liberal a training has produced an alert, receptive mind that is manifest in his sound judgment and keen discrimination concerning business affairs. After his school days were over he entered the Mechanicsville Savings Bank as bookkeeper, there remaining for five and one-half years, or until March, 1910, and his undivided attention is now given to his agricultural pursuits.

In Red Oak township, in January, 1910, was celebrated the marriage of Charles B. Kahler to Miss Dora H. Smith, who was born and reared in this county and was a daughter of C. C. Smith of Red Oak township. In March, 1910, the young couple returned to the farm and Mr. Kahler put in a crop of thirty-three acres of corn and some smaller grain. He is a member of the Mechanicsville Methodist Episcopal church, to which his father had previously belonged. His name is on the membership rolls of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he has served in various official capacities in the Mechanicsville lodge, including that of secretary and vice grand. Both he and his wife are connected with the Rebekahs. Politically he is a republican and while he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, he has never sought nor desired office, feeling that his time and energies are fully occupied with his business affairs and social interests. He has a large circle of friends in Mechanicsville and other parts of the county and wherever known enjoys the confidence and esteem of his fellowmen. There are no esoteric phases in his life record, his entire history being an open book which all may read.

HON. HIRAM DEWELL.

Hon. Hiram Dewell is pleasantly situated on section 2, Dayton township, his attention being given to the raising of grain and stock. The qualities essential to success are his and through the careful conduct of his business affairs he has met with well merited prosperity. Cedar county has claimed him as one of its citizens since 1855 and its history, therefore, is largely familiar to him. He can relate as the result of his personal observation the story of its growth and development and in as far as possible he has borne his share in the work of public progress.

He was born in Kosciusko county, Indiana, May 20, 1849, a son of Nathaniel and Winnie (McClure) Dewell. The father was born in Wayne county, Ohio, and when a lad of ten years accompanied his parents to Indiana, where his youth-

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ful days were passed. His wife was born in Henry county of the latter state, and on coming to Iowa in 1855 they made their permanent location in Cedar county, where the father rented land that he cultivated for two years. Previous to this he had bought eighty acres of land in Dayton township. It was a wild tract but he at once began to till the fields, from which he soon gathered rich harvests. As he prospered in his undertaking he made judicious investments in property until he became the owner of six hundred and forty acres. In 1865 he lost his wife and, surviving her for thirty-five years, passed away March 13, 1900.

The usual experiences of the farm boy came to Hiram Dewell. In his youthful days he lived with his father in Dayton township and his school privileges were somewhat limited, so that he is largely a self-educated man, adding materially to his knowledge since he has attained his majority. He is today well informed and keeps in touch with the trend of modern thought. He remained with his father until he had reached his majority and later he cultivated a part of his father's farm for twelve years. He laid the foundation for a pleasant home life in his marriage in Jones county, Iowa, on the 26th of May, 1870, to Miss Martha E. Ireland, who was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, but was reared and educated in Jones county, Iowa, her father removing from the Hoosier state to that county in pioneer times.

After his marriage Mr. Dewell rented land in Dayton township, where he lived for a number of years. Subsequently he purchased the farm whereon he now resides and at once began its cultivation and improvement. His place comprises one hundred and sixty acres and the soil is rich and alluvial, responding readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon it. The promise of spring materializes in good crops in the autumn and in the care of his fields he utilizes the latest improved machinery. He has provided ample shelter for his stock and for his agricultural implements in well built sheds and barns, and he also has a good residence upon his place. One of the profitable features is the raising of high grade stock and his judgment is seldom if ever at fault in determining the value of farm animals.

As the years have gone by the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dewell has been blessed with four children, namely: Gertrude, now the wife of Harry Freeman, a resident farmer of Jones county; Mabel, the wife of G. W. Baird, who is a mechanic in Dayton township, this county; Howard, who is successfully carrying on general agricultural pursuits in Dayton township; and Nellie, a well educated young lady, at home.

The parents hold membership in a Freewill Baptist church in Jones county. When age conferred upon Mr. Dewell the right of franchise he proudly cast his first presidential vote for General U. S. Grant and the republican party has since found in him a stalwart supporter who has loyally advocated the cause of every presidential nominee since that time. He has served in various local offices, the duties of which he has discharged with conscientious obligation. He filled the office of assessor for six consecutive years, has been township school treasurer, was township school secretary for eight years, then called to higher office was chosen to represent Cedar county in the state legislature in 1906. That his first term received uniform endorsement is indicated by the fact that he was

reelected in 1908, serving through two full terms and one special session of the Iowa legislature. He was made a member of a number of important committees and took an active part in shaping the legislation enacted during the period of his connection with the general assembly. Over the record of his public life there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. He has a wide acquaintance among the prominent political leaders of the state and in his home locality he enjoys a warm personal regard that indicates that the friendship has taken deep root.

WILLIAM A. THOMAS.

William A. Thomas, busily employed with the duties and labor of the farm, his attention being concentrated upon the further improvement of a tract of land of one hundred and twenty acres, constituting a good farm about a mile and a half from Mechanicsville, on section 20, Fremont township, was born in Clinton county, Iowa, November 30, 1857. His father, J. W. Thomas, was a native of Guernsey county, Ohio, born August 9, 1827. There he was reared upon a farm and after arriving at years of maturity wedded Rebecca Tedrick, also a native of that county. He made farming his life work and engaged in tilling the soil in Ohio until after the birth of two of their children. In 1856 he came to Iowa and settled near DeWitt, in Clinton county, where he opened up a farm which he continued to cultivate for nine years. When he took up his abode there the Northwestern railroad had not crossed the Mississippi river and there were various evidences of frontier life. At length Mr. Thomas sold his property in Clinton county and in 1865 removed to Cedar county, where he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land. With characteristic energy he began to develop that property and, finding that prosperity attended his labors here, he added to his holdings until the boundaries of his farm enclosed two hundred and forty acres, all in one body. He planted maple seeds here and now has a nice grove of large trees covering more than five acres. This constitutes a splendid wind break on the west and north of the buildings, besides making a most attractive and cheerful farm. Upon this place Mr. Thomas reared his family and spent his last years, his life's labors being ended in death on the 10th of April, 1909. He had for a number of years survived his wife, who died April 12, 1892.

William A. Thomas was one of two sons of the family who reached adult age, his brother being H. P. Thomas, now a resident of Cedar Rapids. A sister, Mary E., is living in Mechanicsville, while another sister, Abigail J., is the wife of J. E. Arthur, of Wellsville, Ohio.

William A. Thomas was reared upon the home farm and his early education, acquired in the district schools, was supplemented by study in the high school of Mechanicsville. Throughout the period of his boyhood and youth he assisted his father more and more largely in the work of the farm and when his father removed to Mechanicsville Mr. Thomas took charge of the farm and business and has since been active in the management of his individual interests. He is

diligent and persevering and his energy and labor constitute salient forces for success.

On the 12th of January, 1887, Mr. Thomas was married in Guernsey county, Ohio, to Miss Fannie Hawthorne. That county was her birthplace and there she was reared and educated, her parents being John and Jane Hawthorne, well known and worthy settlers of that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas began their domestic life on the farm which has since been their home. He has erected a large two-story residence, has also built a double crib, has fenced his fields and altogether has carried the work of improvement along progressive lines, making his farm one of the attractive and valuable properties of the district. He is also engaged in raising and feeding hogs, fattening about one hundred head annually. He also engages to some extent in the dairy business and supplements his income thereby. Aside from his farming and stock-raising interests he is a stockholder in the Mechanicsville Telephone Company. His life is one of thrift and industry. What he undertakes he accomplishes by reason of his perseverance, his determination and his unfaltering labor.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have been born four children: Merrill H., Elizabeth M., Jonathan Paul and William Gerald. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful interest. Mr. Thomas is serving as one of the elders of the church of Mechanicsville and Mrs. Thomas is also active in the work of the church and Sunday school. In 1909 he was a delegate to the Presbyterian church assembly at Denver, Colorado, and two years before his father was selected as a delegate but was unable to attend on account of sickness. The son was sent as a delegate to the general assembly by the church as a token of appreciation for the father's active church work and in honor of the father's memory. In his political views Mr. Thomas is a republican but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. His life has ever been straightforward and honorable and his many good qualities have gained for him the warm regard and kindly feeling of all with whom he has been brought in contact. Much of his life has been spent in Cedar county although he was for two years a resident of Kansas, whither he went in 1881. He believes that few localities, however, can offer equal advantages, especially along agricultural lines, and his labors therefore have been directed here in the field of general agricultural pursuits with a result that his efforts have been crowned with a gratifying prosperity.

PARKER J. GOODALE.

Among the attractive country homes of Center township is that owned by Parker J. Goodale, which is surrounded by three hundred and fifteen acres of productive land, located on sections 22 and 23. Mr. Goodale is a native of Ohio, born on a farm in Crawford county, September 21, 1837. His parents were Elizur and Annie B. (Stebbins) Goodale, the former born in Vermont in 1806, and the latter in Massachusetts in the same year. They were married in the latter state in 1832 and the following year journeyed to Ohio, where they lived

until September, 1853, when, believing that better opportunities were offered to the agriculturist in the middle west, Elizur Goodale, with his family, consisting of wife and three children, removed to Cedar county, Iowa. The journey to this county was made in a covered wagon and a buggy, the trip requiring three weeks. He located on a portion of the farm which is now owned by our subject and here erected a good country home in 1856 which house is still standing on the place. In his early life Mr. Goodale dressed cloth in a factory in Massachusetts but after removing to Ohio cleared a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits, which he continued after coming to Cedar county, Iowa. He was a democrat until the Civil war broke out, after which he gave his support to the republican party. Both he and his wife were members of the Christian church and were numbered among the highly respected pioneers of this section of the state. As above stated, their family numbered three children: Mrs. Lucy C. Hall, who is deceased; Parker J., of this review; and Marvin N., who has also passed away. The parents died several years ago, the father passing away in 1900, while the mother was called to the home beyond in 1891.

Parker J. Goodale was reared in the Buckeye state to the age of sixteen years and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa, the farm on which they located being his home to the present time. He has, however, added to this tract until the place now embraces three hundred and fifteen acres, on sections 22 and 23, Center township. In 1862 he erected a dwelling on the farm and the one which his father erected a few years previous is likewise standing. There are also substantial buildings on the place for the shelter of grain and stock and everything is kept in good condition, while the fields annually yield rich harvests in return for the labor bestowed upon them. In addition to his home farm Mr. Goodale also owns one hundred and sixty acres in the state of Wyoming. He has made farming his life work and is still actively connected with agricultural interests but he is assisted in his work by his son. He well deserves the competency which he now enjoys, for he has gained his success only by the most honorable methods.

Mr. Goodale was married January 28, 1862, to Miss Mary E. McCracken, who was born in Center township, in October, 1842. Her parents, Alfred and Lucy (Howe) McCracken, removed to Cedar county from Illinois about 1838 and thus became identified with the pioneer life of this section of the state. Both are now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Goodale have been born eleven children, as follows: Elmer E., who resides on the home farm, occupying the house which was built by his father; J. Curtis, who died in his ninth year; Joseph W., who makes his home in Tipton; Minnie E., the widow of A. B. Collar, of Center township; Hattie J., who became the wife of Frank Mayer and died at the age of twenty years; Perry, who died at the age of one year; Parker L., who died in infancy; Arthur, who died when a year old; Annie M., the wife of B. B. Long, a resident of Center township; Ira E., at home; and Julia P., the wife of W. W. Lowe, a resident of Michigan. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in 1866 at the comparatively early age of forty-four years.

Since 1858, the year in which Mr. Goodale attained his majority, he has voted for every presidential candidate on the republican ticket. He has held some local offices. He is a member of the Freewill Baptist church in Mount

Zion and at the present time is serving as deacon. He has now passed the seventy-third milestone on the journey of life. His history illustrates what may be accomplished by tireless energy, keen perception and a genius for devising and executing plans, which have worked not only for his own good but for the good of others. While he has met with success in his undertakings, it has not been alone the end for which he has striven, for at the same time he has found opportunity to cooperate in movements and projects which have furthered the intellectual, moral, political and social interests of the community.

JOHN JAMES GAMBLE.

John James Gamble, who has resided within the borders of Cedar county for the past half century or throughout practically his entire life, devotes his attention to general agricultural pursuits and is the owner of one of the finest farming properties in the county—a tract of land comprising two hundred acres on section 21, Springdale township. His birth occurred in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the 23d of April, 1858, his parents being Samuel and Martha (Kerns) Gamble, who were born, reared and married in County Antrim, Ireland. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1849, settling in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, where they resided for eleven years. On the expiration of that period, in 1860, they came to Iowa and here made their home throughout the remainder of their lives, the father being successfully engaged in farming. Their children were ten in number, as follows: Andrew, who is deceased; John, who died in infancy; Sarah, who passed away at the age of four years; John James, of this review; William R., living in Ansonia, Connecticut; Elizabeth Homer, a resident of Downey, Iowa; Archibald, living in Colorado; Benjamin M., who makes his home with our subject; Samuel, who likewise resides with his brother John; and Mrs. Matilda Carson Worthman, of Salt Lake City, Utah.

John James Gamble was two years of age when brought to Downey, Iowa, by his parents and this locality has remained his place of residence continuously since. He early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and the pursuits of farming and stock-raising have claimed his attention throughout his entire business career. He is a breeder of Percheron horses and mules and this branch of his business adds materially to his annual income. His place comprises two hundred acres of valuable land on section 21, Springdale township, and is situated three and one-half miles southeast of West Branch, two and one-half miles northeast of Downey and one mile west of Centerdale. It is one of the finest farming properties in the county and the best on the west side of the Cedar river. The improvements on the place are valued at ten thousand dollars and all have been made by our subject with the exception of the old house. Mr. Gamble has made his home on this farm for the past twenty years and the property was formerly in possession of his father. His dwelling, a commodious and modern structure, is supplied with gas and steam heat and is up-to-date in every particular. He also owns some Canada lands and is widely recognized as one of the most prosperous and enterprising citizens of the community.

In 1891 Mr. Gamble was united in marriage to Miss Anna L. Voss, who was born in Cedar county, Iowa, in 1872, her father being Frank Voss, of Durant. They now have two children, Earl and Louis.

Mr. Gamble has attained high rank in Masonry, belonging to Wapsinnonoc Lodge, No. 381, A. F. & A. M., at West Branch; Liberty Chapter, No. 79, R. A. M., at West Liberty, Iowa; Palestine Commandery, No. 2, K. T., at Iowa City; Adelphia Council, No. 4, R. & S. M., at Harlan, Iowa; A. & A. S. R. of F. Consistory, S. P. R. S., at Davenport, Iowa; Kaaba Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Davenport; and the Eastern Star at West Branch. He likewise belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America at West Branch and is a devoted member of the Presbyterian church at that place. Both he and his wife are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community, having always displayed those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime awaken confidence and regard.

W. S. ROBINSON.

W. S. Robinson, living on section 14, Dayton township, where stock-raising and general farming interests claim his time and energies, was born in this township, September 29, 1847. He is of Irish descent in the paternal line, his father, Thomas Robinson, having been born on the Emerald isle, whence he sailed to the new world in early manhood, locating first in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. He was married in that state to Miss Margaret Speare, who was born there, and in 1839 they sought a home in the middle west, coming to Cedar county, Iowa, among its first settlers. This was long before the state was admitted to the Union and in fact was yet a part of the territory of Wisconsin. Much of the land was largely in possession of the government and Mr. Robinson entered a tract and afterward purchased other land until he owned two hundred and forty-five acres. Upon this he placed improvements and there reared his family, continuing to reside upon the farm until his death, which occurred in 1864. His wife survived him for about twelve years, passing away in 1876.

W. S. Robinson is the only son in a family of seven children, and therefore in his youthful days the work of the farm largely devolved upon him. As opportunity offered he attended the common schools and afterward had the benefit of two years' study in Mount Vernon. He later took up the task of farming the home place for his mother and so continued until her death.

On the 30th of November, 1870, in Dayton township, Mr. Robinson was united in marriage to Miss Harriet McConkie, who was born in Richland county, Ohio, and was there reared. For a few years before her marriage she successfully engaged in teaching in this county. After Mr. Robinson married he continued to cultivate the old home place for a time and later purchased the interest of the other heirs in the property. He has since built a good residence, also a substantial barn and has further improved the place, utilizing good farming machinery to facilitate the work of the fields, while in his stock-raising interests he is paying close attention to the needs and care of high grade cattle, horses and

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hogs, so that his stock has found ready and profitable sale upon the market. His business judgment is sound, his discrimination keen, and that his labors have been continued along well defined lines is indicated in his success.

In 1878 Mr. Robinson was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away in that year, leaving three children: William, who assists his father in carrying on the home farm; John E., a farmer of Cedar county, who is married and has two children, Margaret and Hubert; and Irene, the wife of Frank H. Buckly, a farmer of Dayton township, by whom she has five children, Foster, Howard, Walter, Charles and Mabel.

In his political views Mr. Robinson is a republican and his first presidential vote was cast for General U. S. Grant in 1868, since which time each presidential nominee of the party has received his support. He has frequently been a delegate to county and state conventions and for six years he filled the office of township trustee. For some years he was officially identified with the schools. He filled the office of highway commissioner and for four consecutive years has been assessor, while in 1910 he was nominated for another term. His entire life has been passed in this county, which he has seen develop from a wilderness. There was only one house between his place and Tipton in his youthful days, and Tipton has grown from a mere village to a city of considerable importance. He rejoices in what has been accomplished and has borne his share in the work of progress. Those who have had business transactions with him speak of his thorough reliability; those who have met him socially bear testimony to his genial nature and kindly disposition; and the number of his friends is indicative of the fact that his has been a well spent life.

JOHN T. BURMEISTER.

One of the progressive representatives of the agricultural interests of Farmington township is John T. Burmeister, who owns an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres. His birth occurred in Scott county, Iowa, on the 26th of December, 1859, his parents being Paul and Margaret (Erricksen) Burmeister, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father passed away in Davenport in 1907, but the mother still survives and yet makes her home in that city. Unto them were born eight children, all of whom are still living, namely: Emma, Emil, John T., Henry, Julius, Alvenia, Gustav and Charlie.

John T. Burmeister attended the district schools of his native county in the acquirement of an education and after completing his studies assisted his father in the work of the fields. On starting out as an agriculturist on his own account he rented a quarter section of land in Scott county from his father, while subsequently he rented a farm of three hundred acres from his father-in-law. When he had accumulated sufficient capital to enable him to purchase land of his own he came into possession of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Farmington township, Cedar county, to the further cultivation and improvement of which he has devoted his time and energies continuously since. He has erected a handsome modern residence and his place is lacking in none of the equipments and

accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century. In connection with the tilling of the soil he devotes considerable attention to the raising of stock, finding both branches of business remunerative.

On the 22d of February, 1887, in Davenport, Mr. Burmeister was united in marriage to Miss Annie Carstens, a daughter of Carsten and Annie Carstens, who are residents of Dixon, Iowa. Unto our subject and his wife were born five children, as follows: Malinda, the wife of Otto Paustian, of Cedar county; Hugo and Harvey, at home; and twins who died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Burmeister is independent, voting for men and measures rather than party. The honors and emoluments of office have never had any attraction for him, for his time has been fully occupied in the management of his private interests. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Lutheran church. His entire life has been spent in this part of the state and in his home community he enjoys an enviable reputation as a man of energy, enterprise and integrity.

JAMES C. FERGUSON.

With the rapid settlement of the country and the development of the prairies the land of Iowa has become very valuable, and the man who is fortunate enough to own a goodly tract has an almost unfailing source of income. An eminent student of the economic conditions and resources of the country has said that there is no better or more paying investment in all America than the farm lands of the middle Mississippi valley. Mr. Ferguson has therefore wisely chosen to ally his interests with the agriculturists of this portion of the state, where he now owns and occupies a farm of three hundred and eighty-eight acres on sections 28, 29, 32 and 33, Pioneer township. He is strongly attached to this district, not only because it is his present place of residence but also because it is his birthplace. He was born in Pioneer township, December 10, 1852, a son of Claudius and Mary (Steele) Ferguson, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The father was born in Allegheny county and was reared in that and in Westmoreland counties, being married in the latter county to Miss Steele. Removing westward to Iowa about 1849, they took up their abode in Pioneer township, Cedar county. Much of the land was still in possession of the government and Mr. Ferguson entered a tract upon which not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made. He bent his energies to the arduous task of preparing the land for cultivation, the breaking plow being followed by the harrow and the hoe, so that in course of time the seed, planted in the early spring, brought forth generous harvests in the late autumn. Subsequently Mr. Ferguson added to his original tract by purchase, becoming the owner of the farm upon which his son James now resides. It was upon this place that the father spent his last years, passing away on the 30th of August, 1876, while his wife died in September, 1879. Their family numbered four sons, James C., Oliver S., John S. and Rueben C. and four daughters, Mrs. Alice McKee; Mrs. Emma J. Studer; Mrs. Jean-

nette Luen, who is now deceased; and Irene, who became the wife of C. C. Brown, of Mechanicsville.

The riotous games of youth, the quiet periods of the schoolroom and the arduous tasks of the fields occupied the time and claimed the attention of James C. Ferguson in his youthful days. His early educational privileges were supplemented by study in the high school of Mechanicsville, and a year's study in the state university, and for some years in early manhood he engaged in teaching. This was a valuable experience, developing in him not only the power of imparting knowledge which he had acquired, but also promoting his self-control, deliberation and adaptability—qualities which are valuable in all relations of life. After teaching for a time in Iowa, he went on a visit to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and there accepted a school, but after teaching for some months in that state he returned to the Cedar county farm. On the 28th of March, 1878, he was united in marriage to Miss Oceana E. Brookman, a native of Connecticut, who was there reared.

The young couple began their domestic life upon the farm which Mr. Ferguson now owns and the spirit of progress and enterprise which has dominated him in his life work is manifest in the large two-story residence which he has erected and the two large barns which he has built near his home. He also has a cattle farm on another part of the place. There is a natural grove upon the place and many attractive features. Woven wire has been used to inclose the farm and fence the fields, and he has the latest improved machinery with which to facilitate his work. He inherited one hundred and sixty acres of his land from his father and from time to time has added to this until his holdings embrace three hundred and eighty-eight acres. He is also well known in connection with the raising, feeding and sale of stock, shipping about a carload of cattle and two carloads of fat hogs each year. He handles high grade shorthorn cattle and has a pure blooded bull for breeding purposes. In addition to his agricultural interests he is known as one of the stockholders of the Mechanicsville State Bank and also the Mechanicsville Savings Bank, and his name has become an honored one on commercial paper. His business integrity as well as his enterprise has long stood as an unquestioned fact in his career and what he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of time, talent and opportunity.

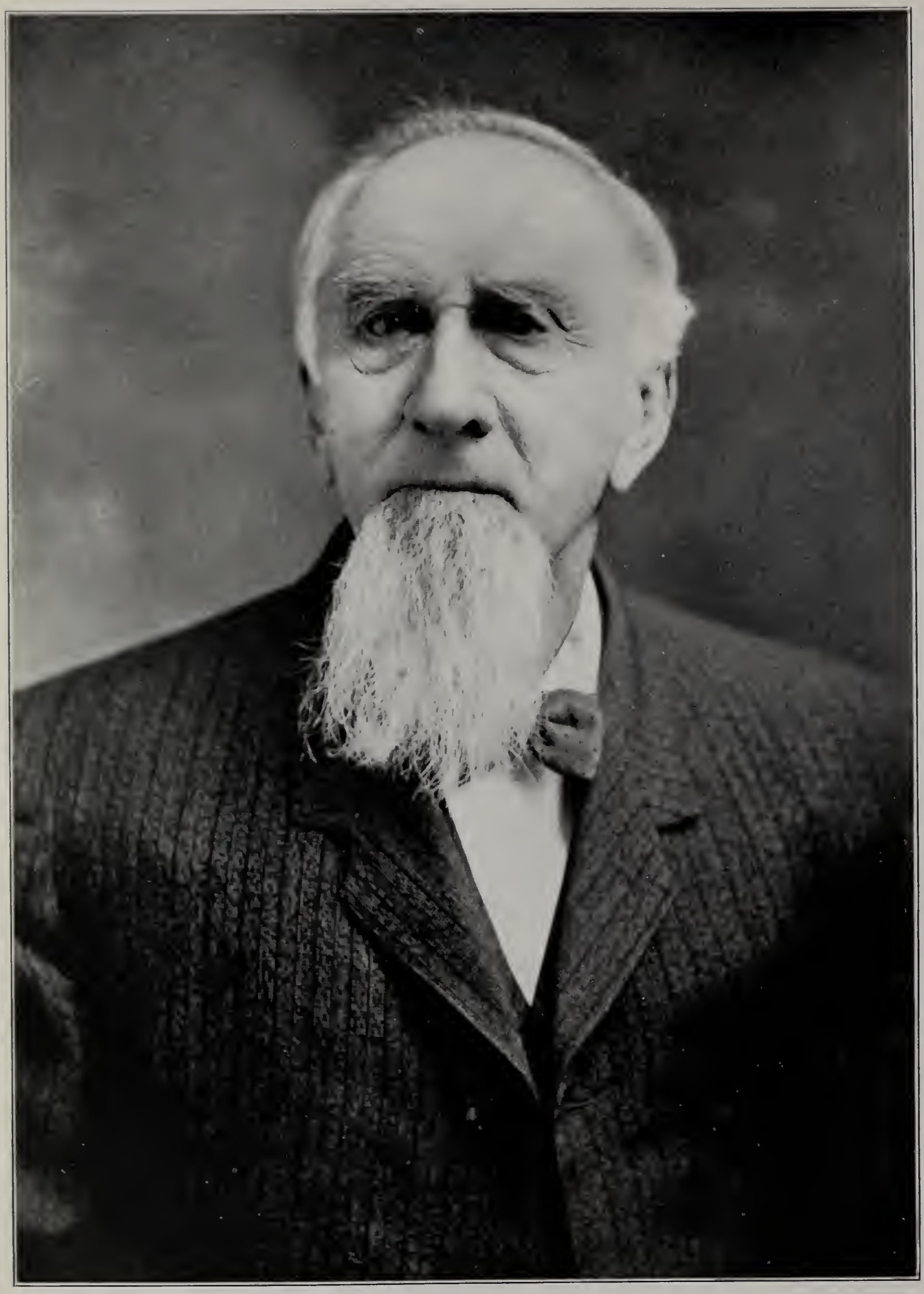
Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson have been born five sons: J. R., at home; Howard C., a student in the State Agricultural College at Ames; Frank G., at home; Everett, who is attending the Mechanicsville high school; and Morris, who is also attending the Mechanicsville high school. Mr. Ferguson is prominent in Masonic circles in Cedar county, holding membership in the lodge and chapter at Mechanicsville, in the commandery at Anamosa, Iowa, while in Cedar Rapids he crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the basic principles of Masonry find exemplification in his life. He has filled all of the chairs of the order and is now a past master of the subordinate lodge. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his political views are manifest in the unfaltering support which he gives to the democratic party. He was first called to public office when elected assessor, in which position he served for three terms, and in 1904 he

was reelected. In 1894 he was chosen to the position of county clerk and served for one term of two years. He has been a delegate to county and state conventions and does all in his power to further the interests of the political party in which he believes. For fifty-eight years he has been a resident of Cedar county, since which time he has witnessed many changes, none being more marked, however, than along agricultural lines. The crude farm machinery of a half century ago has been replaced by that of modern manufacture, greatly lessening the labors of the farm.

HENRY HECHT.

With the business interests of Tipton, Henry Hecht has long been prominently identified and prior to this was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Cedar county but is now living practically retired, giving his attention only to his invested interests. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Westmoreland county, June 21, 1833, his parents being John and Louise Catherine (Eisley) Hecht, natives of Wittenburg, Germany. The father was born in 1800 and in his native land was reared and educated. He was also married there and prior to his emigration to the new world two children were born to himself and wife. On crossing the Atlantic the family located in Pennsylvania and for some years the father followed his trade as a stone-mason and plasterer in West Newton but in 1854 he brought his family to Cedar County, Iowa, and in this state spent the remainder of his life. Both he and his wife died at Clarence when about eighty years of age. In their family were five children, namely: John, now a resident of Ida Grove, Iowa; a daughter who died in infancy; Henry, of this review; Fred, of Clarence, Iowa; and Mrs. Elizabeth McKelvey, a widow, living in Chicago.

In his native state Henry Hecht was reared and educated, his home being at West Newton, Pennsylvania, until twenty years of age, and there he learned the trade of a stone-mason and plasterer with his father. He accompanied the family on their removal to Cedar county, Iowa, in 1854, making his home on the farm in Springfield township until his marriage, when his father gave him a farm of eighty acres adjacent to the home place. This he improved and continued to engage in agricultural pursuits with marked success for many years, adding to his property from time to time, until he was possessed of five hundred and eighty acres of rich and valuable land all in one body and on retiring from farming he rented his place for a time and later sold it. It was on the 1st of March, 1888, that he removed to Tipton, where he has since made his home, building at that time his present fine residence on Meridian street. He still has farming interests in Minnesota and for three or four years after locating in Tipton was engaged in the hardware business in connection with his son-in-law, D. L. Diehl, under the firm name of Hecht & Diehl. He is now a director of the Farmers & Merchants Savings Bank and is also a stockholder in the Clarence Savings Bank, where he did all of his banking business while residing on the farm.



HENRY HECHT

MRS. HENRY HECHT

On the 8th of April, 1856, Mr. Hecht was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Lichtenwalter, a native of Maryland. She came to this country in 1854 with her parents, Abraham and Susan Lichtenwalter and settled in the same neighborhood as our subject. She died October 31, 1863, and of the three children born to them two are deceased: Werty, who died at the age of sixteen years, and Annetta, who died at the age of seven years. The eldest, Ida, is now the widow of Fred Hecht of Clarence, Iowa.

Our subject was again married May 17, 1864, his second wife being Miss Sarah Frances Denson, who was born in Jones county, Iowa, January 2, 1854. Her parents were Joseph and Mary (Riddle) Denson, natives of South Carolina and Kentucky, respectively. They were married, however, in Quincy, Illinois, and from that state removed to Jones county, Iowa, in 1851. The father went overland to California, where his death occurred. His wife died in Cedar county, Iowa, at the age of eighty-four years. During his residence in this state he ran a ferry boat at one time across the Wapsie river at Massillon, Iowa. In his family there were four children, namely: Mrs. Anna C. Bronson, now a widow living in Chicago; Margaret, the wife of Eugene Post of Chicago; Sarah F., the wife of our subject; and Zachariah, of Missouri. By his second marriage Mr. Hecht had four children, as follows: Lulu, the wife of D. F. Diehl, a banker of Tipton; Jessie V., the wife of W. P. Ross of Davenport; Alice, the wife of F. B. Cobb, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; and Ralph Hecht, a dentist of Hawkeye, Fayette county, Iowa.

The republican party finds in Mr. Hecht a stanch supporter of its principles, and in his religious faith he is a Methodist. Wherever known he is held in high esteem and he has the confidence and high regard of all with whom he comes in contact whether in business or social relations. A man of sound judgment and reliable methods, he has met with more than ordinary success in his undertakings and is today ranked among the most prosperous as well as honored citizens of Tipton.

SAMUEL J. IREY.

Although almost three decades have passed since Samuel J. Irey was called to his final rest, he is still remembered by many of Cedar county's older residents as a substantial and respected citizen who for a number of years successfully carried on agricultural pursuits in Springdale township. His birth occurred in Columbiana county, Ohio, on the 18th of June, 1833, his parents being Jonah and Rebecca (Willis) Irey, who were Quakers. When five years of age Samuel J. Irey accompanied his parents on their removal to Jay county, Indiana, and there continued to reside until he came to Cedar county, Iowa, in 1862. He followed carpentering while a resident of the Hoosier state but took up agricultural pursuits after arriving in this county and remained an enterprising representative of farming interests here throughout the remainder of his life. His place originally embraced only forty acres but as his finan-

cial resources increased he extended its boundaries by additional purchase and at the time of his demise owned one hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land in Springdale township. He was also one of the original directors of the State Bank at West Branch. His death, which occurred on the 15th of December, 1882, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he had gained an extensive circle of friends here. In his father's family there were six children, four sons and two daughters.

On the 17th of March, 1859, Mr. Irey was united in marriage to Miss Joanna Smith, who was born in Meigs county, Ohio, on the 5th of January, 1839, her parents being John and Rachel (Beeson) Smith, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively. When five years of age she was taken to Indiana by her parents and in that state the mother passed away. In 1854 she came to Iowa with her father, who settled in Springdale township, Cedar county, and improved a farm. When advanced age necessitated his retirement John Smith sold the property and took up his abode at West Liberty. His family numbered seven children. Unto Samuel J. and Joanna (Smith) Irey were born the following children: Richard Smith, who died in infancy; Rachel, who resides in Springdale township and is the wife of William Erb, of whose household Mrs. Irey is a member; Eva, the wife of Theon Quier, of West Liberty; and Chester S., who resides on the old home farm in Springdale township.

Fifty-six years have passed since Mrs. Joanna Irey came to this country with her father and during that period she has witnessed a most wonderful transformation as pioneer conditions have given way before the onward march of civilization. There were no railroads at the time of her arrival here and Muscatine was the nearest market. During the first winter she saw a herd of twenty deer pass over the farm and Indians also visited the district quite frequently. She likewise remembers seeing John Brown pass by their home. She has a host of warm friends throughout the community, her many good traits of heart and mind having endeared her to all with whom she has come in contact.

WILLIAM F. MILLER.

William F. Miller, a retired agriculturist residing in Farmington township, won a competence through the careful conduct of his farming interests in former years and is therefore enabled to spend the evening of life in well earned rest. His birth occurred in Mecklenburg, Germany, on the 4th of June, 1842, his parents being Carl and Elizabeth Miller, who spent their entire lives in that country. Their children were eight in number but our subject is now the only surviving member of the family.

William F. Miller, who obtained his education in the schools of the fatherland was a youth of fourteen when in 1856 he accompanied a sister and two brothers on their emigration to the new world. Securing employment as a farm hand in Scott county, Iowa, he was thus busily engaged until 1872, when he had accumulated sufficient capital to purchase land of his own, com-

ing into possession of a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Farmington township, Cedar county. That farm has remained his place of abode continuously since and the many substantial improvements thereon were all made by him. As the years passed by he met with a gratifying measure of success in his agricultural interests, the fields yielding their annual tribute of golden grain as a reward for the care and labor which he bestowed upon them. When his well directed energy and enterprise had brought him a competence he put aside active farm work and has since lived in honorable retirement. In 1909 he purchased another quarter section of land in Farmington township, which is rented and operated by his son-in-law, Louis A. Paustain.

On the 4th of October, 1872, in Tipton, Iowa, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Lena Leth, a daughter of Henry and Betsy (Steffen) Leth, who were born and married in Germany. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1873, settling in Durant, this county. Henry Leth still survives and makes his home in this county with his son, Henry, Jr., but his wife has passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of ten children, seven daughters and three sons, namely: Bertha, who is the wife of Christian Cook, of Lyon county, Iowa; Emma, who gave her hand in marriage to Charles Schiele, Jr., and resides in Cedar county; Meta, the wife of Richard Schroeder, of Minnesota; Winnie, who wedded Theodore Schroeder and likewise makes her home in Minnesota; Henry, who is still under the parental roof; Fred, a resident of Minnesota; Clara, who is the wife of Louis A. Paustain and lives on her father's farm in this county; Lillie and Walter, both at home; and Hulda, who is a teacher in the public schools of Cedar county.

In politics Mr. Miller is a democrat, believing firmly in the principles of that party. He has continuously served as township school treasurer since 1885 and has been township trustee for thirty-five years, holding both positions at the present time. He also acted as road supervisor for one year and has ever proved a most capable and trustworthy public official. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias at Sunbury, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Lutheran church, to which his wife and children also belong. Although born across the water, he is thoroughly American in spirit and interests and most loyal in his devotion to the stars and stripes.

WILLIAM J. GLASGOW.

Nature has been lavish in her gifts to most sections of the country. Maine, Michigan and the Pacific northwest have found their chief source of income in their forests; other sections of the country are rich in mining properties, but no district seems to have been more blessed than the central Mississippi valley with its rich soil that responds readily to the care and labor betowed upon it. A noted lecturer who discusses economic conditions and the natural resources of the country says that there is no better investment than in Iowa and Illinois farm lands and it is through the conduct of his agricultural interests that

William J. Glasgow has come to be known as one of the prosperous citizens of Cedar county. He engages in the raising of grain and of stock and has long been thus identified with Fremont township. He has eighty acres in the home place and forty acres in another tract and cultivates both places. He dates his residence in Iowa from 1875 and has been a resident of Cedar county since 1892.

Mr. Glasgow was born near Toronto, Canada, December 26, 1865, and is a son of Thomas Glasgow, who was married in Canada to Miss Johannah Allen, a native of that country. Thomas Glasgow followed farming in Canada for a number of years and two children were born unto him and his wife while residing there. In 1866 they removed southward to Missouri, settling in Pettis county, where the father opened up a farm whereon he made his home for a number of years. In 1875 he removed to Iowa, taking up his abode in Johnson county, where he spent his last years, his death there occurring on the 17th of June, 1910. He was laid to rest in one of the cemeteries of that county. For a considerable period he had survived his wife, who died August 17, 1890.

William J. Glasgow was reared upon the home farm in Johnson county and spent a considerable portion of his youth in Iowa City. He had good public-school advantages that qualified him for life's practical and responsible duties and after putting aside his text-books he gave his attention largely to railroad bridge building. He remained with his father until 1891 and then engaged in railroading as an employe of the Northwestern Railroad Company, which he represented for twelve years on bridge work, his long association with one company indicating his efficient work in that direction.

On the 11th of August, 1893, Mr. Glasgow was married in Cedar county to Miss Alice Boyles, who was born and reared in this county and is a daughter of David Boyles, a native of Pennsylvania, who was brought to Iowa in his childhood days by his parents. Mrs. Glasgow was educated in Mechanicsville, where she completed a course and was graduated. She later pursued a course of study in the Normal School at Tipton and received a diploma in recognition of the work which she there did. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Glasgow took up their abode in Iowa City, Mr. Glasgow being employed as fireman at the State University for a year. On the expiration of that period he removed to Cedar county and settled upon a farm. He first rented land and later, in 1906, purchased the place where he now resides, becoming the owner of eighty acres of land in Fremont township. He has since built a good barn and hog house upon the place and has his fields fenced with woven wire. There is also a neat residence with the various sheds and outbuildings that are necessary for the protection of grain, stock and farm machinery. He annually harvests good crops and at the same time raises considerable stock.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Glasgow have been born three children: William D., Inez Marie and Eveline Alice. Mr. Glasgow was reared in the faith of the Catholic church, while his wife is a Presbyterian, holding membership in the church at Mechanicsville. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and while he has never sought nor desired office he keeps well informed on

the leading questions and issues of the day. He is one of the well known farmers of Fremont township and a man of good business integrity and worth. His fellow townsmen have learned to know and trust him and he has ever been found worthy of their trust.

GEORGE W. PARK.

George W. Park, whose home is on section 11, Linn township, has a tract of one hundred acres of land which returns to him a gratifying annual income as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon the fields and upon his stock, for he carries on both general farming and stock-raising. The attractiveness of Cedar county as a place of residence is indicated in the fact that many of her native sons have elected to remain within her borders, enjoying the natural advantages and opportunities here afforded. Such a one is Mr. Park, who for more than a half-century has lived in Cedar county, his birth having occurred in Linn township on the 10th of July, 1859. He is a son of George W. Park, Sr., and a brother of John B. and Enos Park, who own adjoining farms. Further mention of the family history is given in connection with the sketch of John B. Park on another page of this volume.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for George W. Park in his youthful days. He was reared upon the old homestead and the joys and pleasures of boyhood were his while at the same time his parents wisely impressed upon his mind lessons concerning industry, perseverance and integrity. As his age and strength increased he aided more and more largely in the work of the fields, remaining with his father until the latter's death and then succeeded to a share of the estate. He has always followed general agricultural pursuits and has made a close study of the best methods of tilling the fields. Since his marriage he has resided at his present home and during this period has rebuilt and remodeled the house and done much repair work so that everything about the place is kept in excellent condition. There is an orchard on the farm of his own planting and the fields produce good crops while in the pastures and feed lots are found good stock. He raises and feeds a large number of hogs each year, also high grade cattle and some sheep. He finds delight as well as profit in his stock-raising interests and he now has a flock of sixty head of Shropshire sheep, which are fine animals. Progress has been the keynote of his character and his success in all that he has undertaken is attributable entirely to his earnest purpose and careful management.

On the 28th of February, 1883, in Mechanicsville, Mr. Park was united in marriage to Miss Addie Rate, who was born in this county and reared in Linn township. She is a daughter of William Rate, one of the early settlers. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Park have been born four children but they lost the eldest, Lloyd R., who died in February, 1908. The others are: Ned G., who is now connected with business interests in Mechanicsville; Lee P., who assists in carrying on the home farm; and Ruth G., a student in the home schools.

Politically Mr. Park is a democrat and for some years served as road commissioner. He is interested in maintaining good highways, believes in good schools and in fact stands for progress and improvement along all lines that indicate advancement. The county, therefore, can rest assured that his cooperation will be given for all progressive public measures. Those with whom he has business dealing find him reliable as well as enterprising and he therefore enjoys the confidence and esteem of the entire community.

JAMES PATERSON.

James Paterson, a retired agriculturist residing in Tipton, was actively and successfully identified with the farming interests of Cedar county throughout his entire business career. His birth occurred in Aberdeen, Scotland, on the 10th of February, 1841, his parents being Joseph and Barbara (Beveridge) Paterson, both of whom were born in Aberdeen in the year 1818. The paternal grandparents, Robert and Isabelle (Lawson) Paterson, passed away in Canada and Iowa respectively. They reared a family of eleven children, all of whom came to the United States with the exception of one who died in Scotland. The record of these children, three of whom still survive, is as follows: Robert, whose demise occurred in the land of hills and heather; Katharine, who wedded John Harvey and passed away in Ohio; William, who died in California; Joseph, the father of our subject; Eliza, who became the wife of John Ingram and died in Kansas; John, a miner, whose demise occurred in Iowa; James, a resident of Montezuma, Iowa; Mrs. Agnes Law, who died while living at Montezuma; Mrs. Maggie Williamson, who likewise passed away there; Mrs. Isabelle Cooper, who was principal of a school at Montezuma for a number of years and still resides there; and Alex.

Joseph Paterson, the father of James Paterson, worked at the carpenter's trade in Scotland and also followed that occupation in this country for several years. In 1841 he brought his family to Ashland county, Ohio, where they resided for eleven years. On the expiration of that period, in 1852, they came to Cedar county, Iowa making the trip by steamboat from Cincinnati down the Ohio and up the Mississippi rivers. They located on a farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Red Oak township and there the family home was maintained for many years. Mrs. Paterson passed away in that township June 9, 1892, her death being the occasion of deep and widespread regret. Mr. Paterson, who still survives, has traveled extensively and now makes his home with his son, James. He enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance in this county and has long been numbered among its substantial and respected citizens.

James Paterson, who was brought to the new world by his parents in his first year, obtained his education in the district schools and also early became familiar with the duties and labors which fall to the lot of the agriculturist, for he assisted in the work of the home farm. Throughout his active business career he carried on general farming in Red Oak township, there owning a rich and

JAMES PATERSON

productive tract of land comprising two hundred and twenty-seven acres. Seven years ago he disposed of that property and came to Tipton, where he has since lived retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest. He still owns a farm of one hundred acres in Center township but never resided thereon.

On the 25th of December, 1863, Mr. Paterson was united in marriage to Miss Isabelle Shearer, who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, on the 3d of November, 1843, and who came to this country with her parents, Walter and Euphemia Shearer. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Paterson were born three children, namely: Effie Gilmore, who is deceased; J. A., who resides on his father's farm; and Mary, who lives with her father. The wife and mother was called to her final rest on the 17th of April, 1873, passing away in Red Oak township.

Since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Linoln Mr. Paterson has loyally supported the men and measures of the republican party. He has been honored with election to almost all of the township positions and has served the people of Red Oak township in an official capacity for more than thirty years. For nine years he acted as assessor and for a similar period served as township trustee, while for a number of years he was a member of the school board. He also served as constable in the early days when the duties of the office were much more onerous than they are at the present time. During the entire period of his residence in Cedar county, covering fifty-eight years, he has been a devoted member of the Presbyterian church of Red Oak. His life has been well spent and those who know him entertain for him warm regard by reason of the fact that he has made good use of his opportunities and has always been fair and honorable in his relations with his fellowmen.

LOUIS LEHRMAN.

Louis Lehrman is one of the extensive landowners of Cedar county, his holdings embracing six hundred acres comprised within three different farms, all of which are under a high state of cultivation and to the further development and improvement of which Mr. Lehrman gives his personal supervision. On his home place he is busily engaged in raising and feeding stock as well as cultivating the fields and his success is attributable to his close application, persistent effort and careful management. One of Iowa's native sons, he was born in Jackson county on the 23d of February, 1858. He came to Cedar county with his father, who in 1865 located in Fremont township and there opened up a farm which he cultivated and developed and upon which he reared his family. For many years he was identified with general agricultural pursuits and was numbered among the leading farmers and stock-raisers of the community, but at the present time is living practically retired, his home being in Stanwood.

Louis Lehrman was reared in this county and remained with his parents until he had attained his majority. During his youthful days he worked in the fields on the home farm through the summer months, while in the winter seasons he devoted his attention to mastering the branches of learning taught in the

public schools. Having arrived at years of maturity, he was married in Lowden, Cedar county, September 19, 1884, to Miss Minnie Wenndt, who was born in this county and spent her girlhood days here. After his marriage Mr. Lehrman began farming on his own account by renting land which he cultivated for a time. In 1885 he removed to Sioux county, Iowa, where he farmed for two years. His father afterward gave him a tract of land and some money with which to improve and operate it and thus gaining a start, he bought more land from time to time and is now the owner of six hundred acres, all of which is tillable and most of which is under a high state of cultivation. He has built a good residence and barns and outbuildings upon his place. He has three sets of buildings upon the farm and the home tract has been fenced and cross-fenced with woven wire, dividing the farm into fields of convenient size and protecting the crops from the inroads of the stock. He has considerable fine stock upon his place, breeding and fattening about one hundred and fifty head of hogs annually. He also engages to some extent in dairying, keeping from twelve to fifteen cows for the purpose. The various branches of his business are capably conducted and in all things he displays an aptitude for successful management. Realizing that industry and perseverance are the basis of all success, he has labored diligently and untiringly to accomplish his purposes and as the years have passed on has gained a creditable position among the leading agriculturists of the county.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lehrman have been born four sons and six daughters, of whom three died in infancy, Freddie, Vina and one unnamed. Herman, Paul, Walter, Bertha, Emma, Freda and Rosa complete the family. The parents are members of the German Lutheran church and its teachings constitute a guide to their actions and their relations with their fellowmen. In his political views Mr. Lehrman is a democrat and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, so that he is able to support his position by independent argument. He does not seek office, however, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which are capably managed. Splendid success has crowned his efforts and he is justly counted one of the active, prosperous and progressive farmers, whose labors may well constitute a standard of activity for others. Moreover, in his business dealings he is thoroughly reliable and his business integrity has ever been above question.

WILLIAM F. BRAMMEIER.

William F. Brammeier, owning and operating an excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Farmington township, is numbered among the worthy native sons of Cedar county, his birth having occurred on the old homestead place in Farmington township on the 8th of July, 1870. His father, Frederick W. Brammeier, is mentioned at greater length on another page of this volume. He obtained his early education in the district schools and afterward continued his studies at the Wilton Normal Academy. He remained with his parents until twenty-seven years of age, when he was married and established a home of his

own. At that time he bought a tract of one hundred and twenty acres in Farmington township, the further cultivation and improvement of which has claimed his attention continuously since. He raises the various cereals best adapted to soil and climate and his labors are annually rewarded by bounteous harvests. His place is neat and attractive in appearance, indicating the supervision of a practical and progressive owner.

In 1897 Mr. Brammeier was united in marriage to Miss Louise Wacker, a native of Wilton, Iowa, and a daughter of Peter Wacker. Their home has been blessed with five children, namely: Hilda, Fred, Herbert, Otto and Arthur.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Brammeier has been independent in his party affiliations but at present votes the democratic ticket. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. Cedar county has always remained his home and he is well known and highly esteemed within its borders.

ADAM F. PAUL.

Adam F. Paul, a prosperous and progressive farmer and stock-raiser of Farmington township, there owns two hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land and also has another tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Center township, this county. His birth occurred in Muscatine county, Iowa, on the 1st of May, 1854, his parents being Frederick and Catherine (Metz) Paul. The father was born in Saxony, Germany, on the 22d of December, 1822, while the mother's birth occurred in Baden, Germany, about 1832. Frederick Paul emigrated to America in 1849, first locating in Ohio, where he spent two years. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode in Muscatine county, Iowa, and during the remainder of his life was successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits in this state. His demise occurred at the home of our subject on the 6th of June, 1909. He was twice married, his first wife passing away in Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1857, when Adam F. Paul, their only child, was but three years of age. For his second wife he chose Miss Regina Grady, by whom he had five children, namely: Clara, the deceased wife of Otto Schiele, of Cedar county; Mollie, who gave her hand in marriage to William Reinbracht, of Sunbury, Iowa; Tillie, the wife of Charles Heirsmann, of Scott county; Annie, who wedded Edward Springmeier, of Minnesota; and Mary, who is the wife of Julius Schiele and resides in Muscatine county.

Adam F. Paul obtained his education in the district schools of his native county and assisted his father in the work of the fields until he had attained the age of about twenty-three years. At that time he rented ninety acres of land in Cedar county, devoting his attention to its cultivation for three years, while subsequently he was busily engaged in the operation of a rented farm of one hundred and sixty acres for two years and then rented and cultivated a tract of eighty acres for one year. On the expiration of that period he bought his present farm of two hundred and twenty acres in Farmington township, to the further cultivation and improvement of which he has since given his time and energies. He likewise owns a quarter section of land in Center township,

Cedar county, which he leases. In 1909 he built a handsome new residence—one of the finest country homes in the community. He also erected barns and other outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock and his property is now lacking in none of the improvements and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century. In addition to tilling the soil he also raises some stock of good grades and thus adds materially to his income.

On the 2d of February, 1885, Mr. Paul was united in marriage to Miss Dora Reinbracht, a daughter of Philip and Louisa Reinbracht, who were natives of Germany and took up their abode among the pioneer settlers of Scott county, Iowa. The father is deceased but the mother still survives and makes her home at Buffalo, Scott county. Our subject and his wife have two children: Fred P., who was born on the 9th of November, 1886; and Philip P., whose birth occurred April 1, 1891.

In politics Mr. Paul is independent, voting for the candidate whom he believes best qualified regardless of party affiliation. He has never sought nor desired office, finding that his time has been fully occupied in the conduct of his private interests. He and his family belong to the German Lutheran church and take a deep and helpful interest in its work. He has resided in this part of the state from his birth to the present time and his life has ever been such as to command the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

R. J. DAVIDSON.

R. J. Davidson, who carries on general farming on section 35, Fremont township, and is numbered among the thrifty and enterprising agriculturists and stock-raisers of the community, has a place of two hundred and forty acres. Its neat and attractive appearance is indicative of the care and cultivation which he bestows upon it, and of his practical methods. Mr. Davidson is one of Cedar county's native sons, his birth having here occurred on the 17th of September, 1876. His father, J. K. Davidson, was one of the pioneer settlers of the county and a prominent farmer, who, as the years passed by, met with success in his undertakings, becoming the owner of about four hundred acres of land.

R. J. Davidson was reared upon the home farm and in the common schools acquired his early education, which was supplemented by two years' study in the Stanwood high school. He also spent one winter as a student in the college at Vinton, Iowa. He was reared upon his father's farm, where he remained until he had attained his majority. His life has always been an active one and substantial results have followed his efforts.

On the 5th of June, 1907, Mr. Davidson was married in Stanwood to Miss Florence Baker, who was born in Fairfield, Iowa, and was reared there and in Wisconsin. Before her marriage she engaged in teaching. Following her marriage the young couple began their domestic life upon the old home farm and in connection with tilling the soil and the cultivation of the cereals best adapted to the climatic conditions here Mr. Davidson also began raising and feeding stock,

making a specialty of hogs and high grade shorthorn cattle. His business interests are carefully managed and bring him substantial success.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Davidson two children have been born, but the elder, the son, died in infancy. Their daughter is Margaret Estelle, an interesting little maiden who is the light and life of the household. The parents are members of the United Presbyterian church at Stanwood and are highly esteemed wherever known because of their many sterling traits of character. In his political views Mr. Davidson is independent. A life-long resident of this county, he has witnessed much of its growth and progress and takes a deep interest in all that pertains to its upbuilding and development, nor does he withhold his support from any public project when he believes that it will prove of benefit to the community.

WILLIAM A. KESTER.

William A. Kester, who devotes his attention to the pursuits of farming and stock-raising, is the owner of a highly improved and valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 15, Springdale township. His birth occurred in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, on the 12th of May, 1859, his parents being Hiram and Mary (Musgrave) Kester, who were likewise natives of that place and spent their entire lives on a farm in Columbia county. Their children were four in number, as follows: Sarah Elizabeth, who died in infancy, passing away the same year in which the parents were called to their final rest; Aaron, whose demise occurred in 1907 at Chicago, where he had resided since 1880; Clark, who has made his home in Audubon county, Iowa, since 1883; and William A., of this review.

The last named, who was but three years of age when his parents died, was reared by friends of the family until a youth of eighteen and worked by the month as a farm hand until the time of his marriage. He remained a resident of his native county until the summer of 1880, when he came to Cedar county, Iowa, here working on a farm by the month for a year. On returning to Pennsylvania he was married and during the following two years carried on agricultural pursuits in the Keystone state. In 1883 he removed to Audubon county, Iowa, and purchased a farm, devoting his time and energies to its operation until 1889.

In the fall of the latter year Mr. Kester once more came to Cedar county and has here resided continuously since. During the first two years following his arrival he cultivated a rented farm near Sprindale but at the end of that time he sold his property in Audubon county and purchased the place which he had been operating as a renter. There he sucessfully carried on his agricultural interests until 1901, when he disposed of the property and bought his present place of one hundred and sixty acres, comprising the southwest quarter of section 15, Springdale township. This is known as the Joseph Ball farm, Mr. Ball having been its second owner and having improved the property. In 1864-5 he built the rock home which is still standing on the farm and which was one of the first stone residences in Cedar county. It is a three-story struc-

ture containing fourteen large rooms and is an interesting landmark. The stones used in its construction were hauled from the vicinity of the Cedar river and one man was busily engaged in hauling them for an entire year, working nearly every day including Sundays. Four masons labored almost a year before the building was completed and eight thousand dollars were expended in its construction. There are also six commodious and substantial outbuildings on the farm, providing ample shelter for grain and stock. Mr. Ball operated the place as a stock farm, and Mr. Kester likewise raises high grade stock in addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate. The appearance of the farm indicates that its owner is progressive and up-to-date in his methods and the success which he today enjoys indicates clearly the business ability and good management which he has displayed.

On the 30th of December, 1880, Mr. Kester was united in marriage to Miss Anna Hayman, who was born in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, on the 2d of February, 1863, her parents being Peter and Anna (Mather) Hayman. They spent their entire lives in Columbia county and the death of the mother occurred when Mrs. Kester was still but an infant. Mr. and Mrs. Kester have two children, namely: Clark, a resident of North Dakota, who wedded Miss Olive Wright, by whom he has a son, Earl; and Edith, who is the wife of Lon Hutchinson and lives east of Springdale, Iowa.

Mr. Kester is a member and one of the trustees of the Congregational church at Centerdale and assisted in its erection. At all times he has been true to the obligations and responsibilties that have devolved upon him in every relation of life and therefore well merits the esteem and good will which are uniformly accorded him.

SAMUEL ENLOW.

No history of Cedar county would be complete without mention of Samuel Enlow, who was long associated with farming interests. His success, however, was not measured alone by the terms of business, for while he won prosperity through his farming operations and his judicious investments he was at the same time a man and citizen of whom the community had every reason to be proud. While quiet and unostentatious in manner, his life was fraught with many good deeds and he ever lived in close conformity to the teachings of the Society of Friends.

He was born in Marlborough, Stark county, Ohio, December 30, 1826. His parents, James and Ruth (Hewitt) Enlow, were both natives of Pennsylvania, whence they removed to Ohio, where their remaining days were passed. They had a family of eight children: Mrs. Emily Shreeve, who died in Ohio; Mrs. Susan Whinery, who also passed away in that state; Mrs. Rebecca Pennock, who died in Ohio; Mrs. Mary H. Cope, who died at West Branch, Iowa; Samuel, of this review; Thomas and Luke, who died in Cedar county; and Jonathan, who died when a young man in Ohio.

Samuel Enlow resided in Stark county, Ohio, until his marriage in 1851. The district during his boyhood days largely presented the appearance of a

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pioneer region, for the work of progress and civilization had scarcely been begun there. He was reared to farm work and early gained practical acquaintance with the best methods of developing and cultivating the fields. At the time of his marriage he went to Columbiana county, Ohio, and settled near Salem, where he spent two years upon a farm. The succeeding three years were passed as a farmer in Jennings county, Indiana, and the fall of 1856 witnessed his arrival in Cedar county, Iowa, at which time he located on a farm five miles northeast of West Branch, where he remained until about a year prior to his death, when he retired from active business life and took up his abode in the town of West Branch, where he passed away November 22, 1884. Throughout his entire business life he carried on general agricultural pursuits. He was the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of rich and valuable land. His fortune was principally made in Cedar county, and his life was that of a quiet, industrious farmer. He closely watched every detail of the business and labored for success along lines that brought practical and substantial results. He seemed to know just how to use his time and talents to the best advantage and always followed progressive methods in his farm work, using the latest improved machinery to facilitate the cultivation of the fields and the care of the crops.

As previously stated, Mr. Enlow was married in 1851, the lady of his choice being Miss Hulda Whinery, who was born near Salem in Columbiana county, Ohio, August 18, 1832. She resided in that county until her marriage and afterward accompanied her husband on the removal to Indiana and Iowa, where she has since made her home. She is a daughter of Joseph and Martha (Crew) Whinery, who spent their entire lives upon a farm in Columbiana county. The mother was a representative of an old Virginia family, while the father's people came from Pennsylvania. Both were members of the Society of Friends. Their marriage was blessed with eight children, namely: Mrs. Angeline Barber, who died in Ohio; Mrs. Enlow; Joshua, who died in Marshalltown, Iowa; Mrs. Rebecca Crew, who died in Marion, Iowa; Mrs. Susan Shaw, of Winfield, Kansas; Joseph, a resident of Columbiana county, Ohio; Mrs. Martha Test, of Marshall county, Iowa; and Sarah Jane, deceased.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Enlow were born four children. William, the eldest, a native of Ohio, died near West Branch, leaving a widow but no children. James Sullivan, who was born in Indiana, died in Chicago, leaving a widow. Mrs. Martha Steer, who was born in this county, also died here and left one child, Earl. Lauretta became the wife of Edward L. Hollingsworth, a merchant of West Branch, and they reside with Mrs. Enlow. They have three children, Lawrence E., J. Everett and Lois.

When Mr. and Mrs. Enlow came to Cedar county the town of West Branch had not been founded, and they did their trading at Springdale or Iowa City. There were no railroads and the journey westward from Ohio to Indiana and from Indiana to Iowa was made by wagon, Mrs. Enlow carrying her baby in her arms all the way. On reaching their destination Mr. Enlow purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, on which was a small house. A portion of the tract had been broken and with characteristic energy Mr. Enlow began the further development and improvement of the place, upon which he continued to reside throughout the remainder of his active business life. He prospered ex-

ceedingly during the period of the Civil war, receiving high prices for everything that he raised. In the early days the family went to Springdale for their supplies and for their mail. Their home was situated five miles from the village, but when the railroad was built Springdale was left off the line and the town of West Branch was started, so that they came to the latter place for their mail and trading. Mrs. Enlow has witnessed the entire growth of West Branch and has manifested keen interest in what has been accomplished there. Mr. Enlow was one of the original stockholders of the West Branch State Bank and Mrs. Enlow was one of the first stockholders of the Citizens Savings Bank. She still retains stock in both, but when they removed to the town they disposed of their farm. Mr. Enlow was also one of the original stockholders in the Cedar County State Bank of Tipton and in the West Liberty State Bank, now the Peoples Bank. His judicious investments enabled him to leave a handsome competence to his family.

He manifested a citizen's interest in politics and in religion. He was a member of the Society of Friends throughout his life and was identified with the West Branch church, contributing largely to its building and to its support. In the antebellum days he was a strong opponent of slavery and when the republican party was formed to prevent its further extension into the territories he joined its ranks. He was a generous, kind-hearted man, always looking for opportunities to do good, and in all of his benevolent work Mrs. Enlow shared. She has generously used her means for the benefit of others. She gave to West Branch not only the public library but also the site which it occupies. The only condition attached to her gift was that the town should keep it up. She is ready to help every public enterprise that promises to benefit the community and promote its growth. She is recognized as one of the most active, helpful and valued members of the Friends church, and her life has been an exemplification of her Christian faith and belief. She has ever made it her purpose to follow the golden rule and whenever the opportunity has come to speak a kind word or do a generous deed she has done it. Although now seventy-eight years of age she retains her mental faculties unimpaired and in the management of her affairs displays keen business discernment and notable enterprise. For more than a half century she has lived in this county and all with whom she has come in contact are glad to call her friend.

JOHN H. REICHERT.

For more than a half century John H. Reichert was a resident of Tipton and during that period was ever an honorable and upright business man, whose labors contributed in substantial manner to the upbuilding and progress of the city as well as to his individual success. In whatever field he labored he accomplished what he undertook, as his energy was unfaltering, while his industry never flagged. His prominence in the community will make his history one of interest to many of our readers.

Mr. Reichert was born in Navarre, Stark county, Ohio, on the 5th of January, 1839, and was one of a family of several children. He attended school for only about two or three months in the year and then only until fourteen years of age, when he was obliged to relinquish his studies in order to assist his father, who was a cabinet-maker. He worked at the bench for a time but did not find that pursuit congenial and desired of his father permission to go west, after making a futile attempt to secure a position in which he might learn the carpenter's trade in his home town. His father reluctantly consented for he was the only child at home but finally granted him permission on the condition that John should remain at home for five or six months to assist him in disposing of some of his furniture which he had made, that he might thus discharge his indebtedness and have a little money remaining.

It was at that time that John H. Reichert began to realize what a sacrifice it would be for his father for him to go west and he resolved therefore not to take a dollar of his father's money but borrowed twenty-five dollars when, in the spring of 1856, at the age of seventeen years, he started for Iowa. On the 28th of May he reached Tipton and the next morning began working as a carpenter on the house of Moses Bunker at a dollar per day. He was thus employed until the following winter, losing not even a half day's time during that period. The next spring he joined his brother in a partnership for carrying on carpentering and they did a contracting business for seven years when they extended the scope of their activities by establishing a lumber business, in which they were also successful. As there was no railroad to Tipton at that time, they hauled all their lumber from Muscatine.

A further change in the nature of their business occurred in the spring of 1868 when they disposed of their lumberyard to Harry Hatch and established a hardware store, in which a growing trade brought them well merited success until 1875, when John H. Reichert sold out on account of failing health, occasioned by the close confinement of the store. Again however, he entered into active connection with the lumber trade, for indolence and idleness were utterly foreign to his nature, and he became a partner of Tipton Culbertson, whose interest he purchased the following year, thus becoming sole proprietor. He conducted the business alone until 1885, when he admitted Charles Geller to a partnership under the firm style of Reichert & Geller. He continued an active factor in the management and control of the business until January 1, 1900, when he sold his interest to his son, H. W. Reichert, and retired from active business life. Throughout his connection with the trade interests of Tipton he had maintained an unassailable reputation and enjoyed that success which results from earnest and determined effort intelligently directed.

On the 1st of October, 1863, Mr. Reichert was united in marriage to Miss Perlina Birely and theirs was a most happy and congenial married life up to the time of her death which occurred on the 21st of January, 1888. Mr. Reichert survived until December 19, 1907. He had never been in good health from the time of his retirement from business and in the fall of 1907 he went to Marlin, Texas, for relief, but the change of climate did not bring the relief anticipated and his life was brought to its close. His memory is honored by all who

knew him and is warmly cherished by those who were closely associated with him through the ties of friendship and of kinship. He had many good qualities, not the least of which was his sense of justice, which prompted him to deal honestly with all men and made his name the synonym of commercial integrity in Tipton.

FERDINAND PETERSEN.

Prominent among the agriculturists of Farmington township is Ferdinand Petersen, the owner of four hundred acres of valuable land in this county. His birth occurred in Holstein, Germany, on the 21st of May, 1847, his parents being Frederick and Christina (Hass) Petersen, who spent their entire lives in that country. Frederick Petersen passed away about 1883, having for a number of years survived his wife, who was called to her final rest in 1853.

Ferdinand Petersen acquired his education in the schools of the fatherland and also served in the German army for three years, participating in the war with France in 1870-1. In the spring of 1872 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, making his way direct to Scott county, Iowa, and arriving in Davenport with a cash capital of but one dollar. Finding immediate employment a necessity, he secured work as a farm hand with Jack Bruce, a pioneer settler of Scott county, with whom he remained for five months. During the following five months he worked on farms in the vicinity and then came to Cedar county, here laboring as a farm hand for three years longer. On the expiration of that period he rented a tract of four hundred acres in association with his brother Christian, operating the place for two years, while subsequently they cultivated a rented farm of one hundred and sixty acres for one year.

At the end of that time Mr. Petersen of this review rented one hundred and sixty acres of the farm on which he now resides, later purchasing the property. His next purchase made him the owner of an adjoining tract of eighty acres, while from his wife he received a quarter section of land, so that his holdings in this county now embrace four hundred acres. He also owns one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land in Highland township, O'Brien county, Iowa, leasing the property. The many substantial improvements on his home place, which include a handsome new residence, barns and other outbuildings, all stand as monuments to his industry and enterprise. The land is under a high state of cultivation, and from his farming interests he derives a substantial annual income, supplying him with all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life.

On the 7th of February, 1877, in Davenport, Mr. Petersen was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Sophia Jockheck, born in Quincy, Illinois, October 17, 1851, a daughter of E. F. and Sophia (Steinhaugen) Jockheck, who took up their abode among the early settlers of this county and still reside in Durant. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Petersen have been born eight children, as follows: Ernest F., who makes his home in Sunbury, Iowa; Adolph F., of this county; Alma M. S., who gave her hand in marriage to Paul A. Lage, of Cedar county;

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Mabel L., who is the wife of Richard O. Petersen, of Scott county; George H., at home; Ferdinand H., a twin brother of George, who passed away on the 16th of April, 1906; and Viola S. and Mary E., who are likewise still under the parental roof.

Since becoming a naturalized American citizen Mr. Petersen has exercised his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democracy. For two years he ably served his fellow townsmen in the capacity of road supervisor. He is president of the Sunbury Krieger Verein, a German society, and also belongs to the German Lutheran church, with which his wife and children are likewise identified. Arriving in the United States with practically no capital save a stout heart and willing hands, he realized the fact that while in this country labor is unhampered by caste or class, it is only by unfaltering diligence, guided by sound judgment, that success can be secured. By the exercise of these qualities he has made steady progress and has long been numbered among the substantial and esteemed residents of Farmington township.

HENRY C. HAMANN.

Henry C. Hamann, whose well directed labors as an agriculturist have won him a gratifying measure of success, is now the owner of a highly improved and valuable farm of two hundred and forty acres in Farmington township. His birth occurred in Holstein, Germany, on the 12th of February, 1854, his parents being Fred and Elsie (Licht) Hamann, who were born, reared and married in that country. The father, whose natal day was August 28, 1820, emigrated to the new world in 1875 and carried on general agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life. He passed away on the 15th of March, 1895, in Harrison county, Iowa, where his widow still makes her home. Their children were seven in number, as follows: Charlie, who is a resident of Harrison county, Iowa; Henry C., of this review; Louisa, the wife of Charles Gramkow, of Harrison county; John, who lives in Harrison county, Iowa; Minnie, who gave her hand in marriage to Ernst Frederickson, of Wilton, Iowa; Dora, who is the wife of Murry Evans and lives in Nebraska; and William, deceased.

Henry C. Hamann spent the first sixteen years of his life in the fatherland and there largely obtained his education. In 1870 he crossed the Atlantic to the United Sates and for a short time attended school in Scott county, Iowa. After putting aside his text-books he secured employment as a farm hand, being thus busily engaged for about seven years. On the expiration of that period he rented a tract of land in Inland township, Cedar county, devoting his attention to its cultivation for four years. He then purchased eighty acres in Farmington township and later added an adjoining tract of one hundred and twenty acres. Subsequently he again extended the boundaries of his farm by an additional purchase of forty acres, so that his land holdings now embrace two hundred and forty acres. Since the property came into his possession he has built two fine residences thereon and has also erected good barns and other outbuildings.

The farm is modern and up-to-date in all of its appointments and in its neat and thrifty appearance indicates the supervision of a practical and progressive owner. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate Mr. Hamann also raises stock to some extent, deriving from both branches of his business an ample income.

On the 15th of February, 1883, in Davenport, Mr. Hamann was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Reins, a daughter of William and Minnie (Rudolf) Reins, both of whom were natives of Germany and are now deceased. Their marriage was celebrated in Scott county, Iowa. Our subject and his wife have six children, namely: William, born on the 9th of November, 1883, who was married November 28, 1908, to Emma Glaser and resides upon a part of his father's farm; Henry, whose natal day was January 26, 1885; Edward, whose birth occurred July 17, 1888; Frank, who first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 8th of June, 1892; Minnie, who was born May 19, 1899; and Mabel, whose birth occurred on the 14th of July, 1901.

Where national questions and issues are involved Mr. Hamann supports the democracy but at local elections casts an independent ballot. He served as school director for ten years, while for three years he held the office of road supervisor. Both he and his wife belong to the German Lutheran church and are deeply interested in its work. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to America, for in this country he has found the opportunities which he sought and through their utilization has worked his way upward, his life indicating what may be accomplished by determination and well directed energy. The period of his residence in this part of the state covers four decades and he has many friends here, having won the warm regard of all with whom he has been associated.

WILLIAM F. THOMSON.

Success is not to be had for the asking but always comes as the reward of earnest, persistent effort intelligently directed. This fact finds verification of the life work of William F. Thomson, whose unfaltering industry and carefully managed business affairs have won for him a place with the leading representative farmers of Fremont township. He lives on section 26, where he is engaged in raising grain and stock, cultivating a farm of two hundred and forty acres. Iowa numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Adams county on the 13th of December, 1879. He is a son of William M. Thomson of Stanwood, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. He was two years of age when his parents removed to Cedar county. Upon the home farm in Fremont township his youthful days were passed, his education being acquired in the common schools and in Stanwood high school. Through the periods of vacation he worked in the fields assisting his father until he had attained his majority. He was married in Tipton on the 5th of April, 1904, to Miss Sadie Wertz, who was born in Red Oak township, Cedar county, and is a daughter of Isaac Wertz.

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After his marriage Mr. Thomson rented and cultivated the J. K. Davidson farm for one year and later devoted a year to farming in Red Oak township. He then removed to the farm which he now occupies and to the further development and cultivation of which he has devoted five years, raising a good crop each year. He does not wear out a field by planting the same crop year after year, but practices the principle of rotation and in fact uses the most modern methods to keep his land in good condition so that it will prove productive. In connection with his farming and stock-raising he feeds about one hundred and fifty hogs each year and from one to two carloads of cattle. In both branches of his business he has been quite successful.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Thomson has been blessed with five sons: Paul E., Richard E., Everett S., Charles William and George M. The family are well known in this locality and both Mr. and Mrs. Thomson have a large circle of warm friends. He belongs to the United Presbyterian church of Stanwood and in his political associations is a republican. He has been officially identified with the schools for a number of years and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. In fact, he cooperates in every measure and movement for the public good. His life is characterized by strenuous activity, by unsullied business integrity, by unfaltering industry, and his genuine personal worth has made him widely and favorably known not only in Stanwood but throughout Cedar county.

JOSEPH SCHONBORN.

Joseph Schonborn, who is successfully engaged in business as a dealer in grain, coal and poultry, owns a large elevator at Centerdale and also acts as station agent for the Rock Island Railroad. His birth occurred in Frankfort, Germany, on the 3d of August, 1869, his parents being John George and Margaret (Heftrich) Schonborn, who spent their entire lives in that country. The father worked as a contractor. Our subject was the youngest of four children and the only member of the family who came to this country.

Joseph Schonborn obtained his education in the fatherland and was eighteen years of age when he left high school and entered the government mail service, with which he was identified until twenty-three years old. In 1892, having determined to try his fortune in the new world, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and after landing in New York city there worked as a laborer for a year and a half. Subsequently he was similarly employed at Beerston, New York, for a period of seven years and then learned telegraphy in the service of the Grand Trunk Railroad. He next entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad and remained with that corporation until he came to Cedar county, Iowa, in 1906. Here he first served as station agent for the Rock Island Railroad at West Branch and for the past three years has held that position at Centerdale. When the elevator here was destroyed by fire he purchased the site and has recently completed a new structure with a capacity of ten thousand bushels. He deals in grain, coal and poultry and has already built up a good

business of that character, being widely recognized as a man of excellent executive ability and inflexible integrity.

In 1898 Mr. Schonborn was united in marriage to Miss Susie M. Beers, a native of this county and a daughter of Ephraim S. Beers. They now have three children, namely: Hulda, Herman and Elizabeth. The hope that led Mr. Schonborn to establish his home in the new world has been more than realized, for here he found the opportunities which he sought and through their wise utilization has won a place among the prosperous and respected citizens of his community.

HENRY THIESEN.

Henry Thiesen, who died at his home in Farmington township on the 13th of September, 1909, was identified with general agricultural pursuits in this part of the state throughout his entire business career and gained a large degree of prosperity in this connection. He was sixty-five years of age when called to his final rest, his birth having occurred in Germany on the 25th of July, 1844. He acquired his education in the fatherland and there spent the first twenty-two years of his life. In 1866, having determined to establish his home on this side the Atlantic, he emigrated to the United States and located in Davenport, Iowa, where he worked as a farm hand for three years. On the expiration of that period he rented a tract of three hundred and twenty acres in Scott county and subsequently operated a rented farm of four hundred acres in Muscatine county.

In 1881 Mr. Thiesen purchased the place on which his widow and daughters now reside in Farmington township, Cedar county, first buying two hundred and forty acres and later adding an adjoining tract of eighty acres. In 1903, however, he disposed of one hundred and sixty acres of his farm. He remodeled the house, erected new barns and outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock and brought his fields under a high state of cultivation. His labors both as a farmer and stock-raiser were crowned with success, and when he passed away the community mourned the loss of one of its most substantial and esteemed citizens.

On the 3d of May, 1871, in Davenport, Mr. Thiesen was joined in wedlock to Miss Maria Rosenberg, whose parents spent their entire lives in Germany. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Thiesen were born eight children, as follows: Julius, who is now a resident of O'Brien county; Lena, living in Davenport; Henry, of Muscatine county; Amanda, at home; Adelia, the widow of Benjamin Lunschen; Ella, who is the wife of Otto Meyhaus, of Sunbury; Elizabeth, likewise at home; and Amelia, who died in infancy.

Mr. Thiesen gave his political allegiance to the democracy for many years but late in life became a supporter of the republican party. He ably served his fellow townsmen in the offices of township trustee, road supervisor and school director, ever discharging his public duties in a most prompt and satisfactory manner. In religious faith he was a Lutheran and his widow and children like-

wise belong to the church of that denomination. Taking up his abode in the new world in early manhood, he wisely utilized the opportunities which came to him and eventually won the prosperity which is ever the reward of earnest, persistent effort when guided by sound judgment. Mrs. Thiesen, who still resides on the old home place in Farmington township, is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community for her many excellent traits of heart and mind.

JOHN WALSHIRE.

John Walshire, an honored veteran of the Civil war, has for many years been numbered among the most progressive and prosperous agriculturists of Fremont township, owning a well improved and valuable farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 7. Cedar county has been his home for the past third of a century. His birth occurred on the 3d of November, 1843, in Fairfield county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood on a farm, attending the common schools in the acquirement of an education. In March, 1863, he enlisted for service in the Union army, joining Company G, One Hundred and Fortieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a private. He was first under fire at Nashville, Tennessee, and later participated in the engagements at Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge. He also took part in the last fight at Nashville, where General Thomas defeated Hood. In September, 1865, he was honorably discharged. During his term of service he fell a victim to the measles and spent two weeks in a hospital at Nashville. He was mustered out there and returned to Columbus, Ohio, where he was discharged.

Immediately after his return he went to work on the home farm and as his father died five days later, the management of the place and the care of the family devolved upon him. Three years later his mother was called to her final rest. Subsequently he sold his interest in the homestead property and worked by the month for three years. On the expiration of that period he rented land and was thus actively identified with general agricultural pursuits until 1877, when he came to Cedar county, Iowa, here purchasing the tract of one hundred and twenty acres on which he has resided continuously since. A few acres of the land had been broken and the only buildings on the place were a cabin and shed. Setting resolutely to work, he prepared the soil for cultivation, erected a substantial residence, commodious barn and cattle shed and planted evergreen, shade and fruit trees. He also fenced and tiled the land and has brought the fields under a high state of cultivation and improvement, annually gathering bounteous harvests. In connection with the tilling of the soil he raises and fattens from one to two carloads of hogs and cattle each year. He likewise raises good standard bred horses and in both his farming and live-stock interests has won well merited success.

On the 14th of November, 1869, Mr. Walshire was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Fisher, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Mathias Fisher, who followed farming in Fairfield county, that state. Unto our subject and his

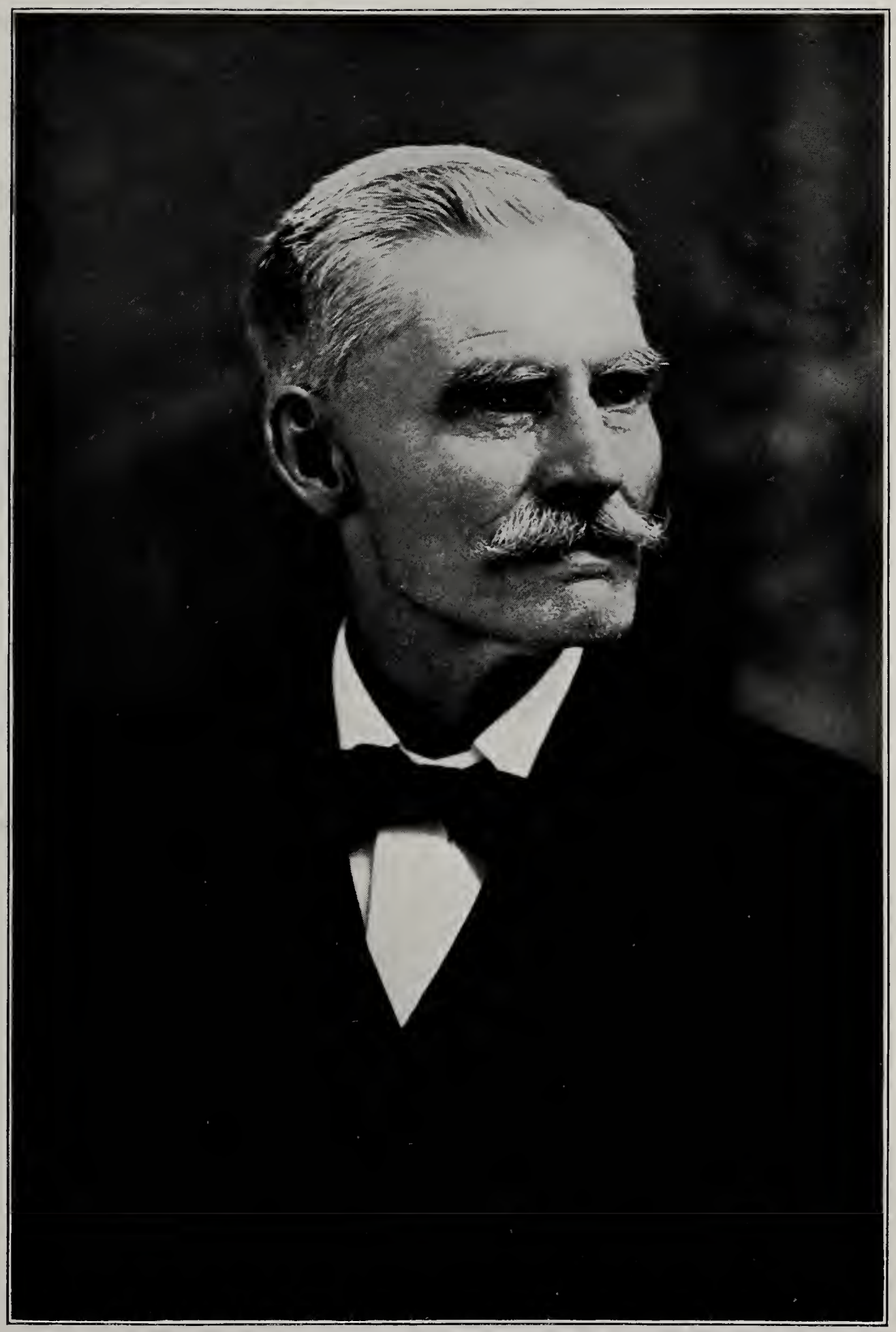
wife were born seven children, namely: Edward F., an agriculturist of Fremont township; David E. and Lewis J., who are still under the parental roof; and A. T., who passed away in January, 1908, leaving a son, Arthur. The latter, a youth of sixteen, makes his home with his grandparents. They also lost three children in early youth, George F., who died at the age of twelve years; William Allen, when nine years of age; and Eva, who passed away in infancy.

When national questions and issues are involved Mr. Walshire supports the democracy but at local elections votes independently. He was formerly a republican, however, and in 1868 cast his first presidential ballot for General U. S. Grant, whom he again supported in 1872. Later, when Grover Cleveland was nominated for the presidency, he cast his ballot for the democratic candidate. He acted as township trustee for two years and has been secretary of the school board for twenty years, still serving in the latter capacity. Reared in the Catholic faith, he has always remained a communicant of that church. He still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in the G. A. R. post at Mechanicsville. In every relation of life he has commanded the trust and confidence of his fellowmen, possessing those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime win recognition and regard.

HENRY W. FIELDS.

Henry W. Fields, a retired farmer and merchant, whose success resulted from close application, perseverance and intelligently directed effort, is now numbered among the venerable and respected citizens of Tipton, having passed the seventy-eighth milestone on life's journey. Mr. Fields is of foreign birth, the place of his nativity being Lincolnshire, England, and his natal day February 2, 1832. When but two years of age, in 1834, he was brought by his parents, John and Sarah (Foster) Fields, who were likewise natives of Lincolnshire, to the new world, their destination being Huron, Ohio, fourteen miles east of Sandusky, where they landed on the 4th of July of that year. The parents resided in Marion county, Ohio, throughout the remainder of their lives, the father passing away there in 1890, when he had reached the ripe old age of eighty-five years, while the mother died in 1892 when seventy-nine years of age. The father worked as a laborer and a farmer all his life and on the home place in Marion county reared his family, which numbered ten children. The record is as follows: Henry W., of this review; Mrs. Sarah Boyce Mitchell, who died in Linn county, Iowa; Mrs. Mary Parker Underwood, who died in Ohio; John, who passed away at the age of six years; Mathew, who died while serving his country in the Civil war as a member of the Sixty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry; Pauline Harriff, who died in Ohio; Mrs. Elizabeth Whalen, a widow, now residing in Marion, Ohio; George, a resident of Caledonia, Marion county; and Rosella, the wife of Andrew Hines, of Marion county, that state.

Henry W. Fields spent his youthful days on the old home farm in Marion county and the district schools afforded him his educational privileges. Upon



HENRY W. FIELDS

reaching mature years, in 1855, he made his way to Lee county, Iowa, but a year later removed to Waterloo, this state, and in the spring of the following year went to Linn county, where he worked as a laborer for some time. He was employed on the construction of the Chicago, Iowa & Nebraska Railroad in Linn county but after a few weeks went to Lisbon and worked on the division of the line running from Mount Vernon to Rock Creek. For two years he acted as foreman of the grading and was with that company until the completion of the line to Cedar Rapids in 1859. Later he assisted in cutting and setting the telegraph poles along the line of that road, now the Northwestern Railroad, from Clarence to Cedar Rapids and also strung the wires on the poles. He was next employed on a construction train but in the fall of 1859 went to Arkansas on a prospecting trip. During the winter he cut wood in order to meet the expense of living and in the spring of 1860 returned to Iowa and was married in Cedar county.

Following this event Mr. Fields returned to Marion county, Ohio, where he had been reared and while residing there, in October, 1862, enlisted as a substitute in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company D, Sixty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. During his nine months' service he took part in no engagements, and on the expiration of that period he once more came to Cedar county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming until 1866, when he took up his abode in Tipton and has since been a resident of this city. During the intervening years his efforts were not entirely fruitless from a financial standpoint, for he managed to save a sum of money that enabled him at that time to purchase a stock of groceries and engage in business in Tipton. For twenty-eight years he was thus identified with the grocery trade of this city, being numbered among its pioneer merchants. In 1873 he erected a substantial building in which he placed his stock of goods and as the years passed he prospered, investing his money in two hundred and forty acres of land in Center township, about four miles southeast of the city. In 1894 he retired from business, the store now being owned by his son, W. R. Fields, who is an enterprising merchant. Mr. Fields still retains possession of his farm, which returns him a good annual income. He was one of the original stockholders and is yet a stockholder in the Cedar County State Bank, and his various financial interests bring him a good profit. In former years his was a useful, active and energetic career and the rest which he is now enjoying is well merited.

Mr. Fields has been married three times. His first marriage was in 1860 when Miss Rosetta Archer became his wife. She was born in Ohio and came to Cedar county in 1856, where her death occurred on the 11th of May, 1864. This union was blessed with two sons: John, who died when but three years of age; and W. R., who was born in Cedar county in 1863 and is now engaged in the grocery business in Tipton. Mr. Fields' second wife was Mrs. Fannie Dicklot, who was born in Germany. There were no children by that union but by a former marriage Mrs. Fields had a daughter. She died in 1881, and Mr. Fields was married on the 3d of June, 1885, to Mrs. Sarah E. Kaiser. She was born in Tipton on the 2d of January, 1855, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adams, her birth having occurred in a house which stood on the lot where Mr. Fields erected a fine modern home in 1904 and where he and his wife have since resided, although they spend the winter months in California.

Deeply interested in political affairs, Mr. Fields has always supported the men and measures of the democracy where national issues are involved but at local elections votes independently. For two years he served as a member of the city council, also acted as township trustee, and for three years was a member of the board of education. His fraternal relations connect him with Manitou Lodge, No. 8, I. O. O. F., of which he became a member in 1875. Like most men, he has had to overcome many obstacles in his path, for he started out in the humble capacity of a laborer, working at anything that would yield him an honest living. He had a firm purpose, however, and was bound to succeed. He seemed well fitted to conduct mercantile pursuits for from the time of his entrance in the business world in 1866 he gradually worked his way upward, advancing from year to year, until today, crowned with wealth and years, he receives the respect and veneration which should ever be accorded to one who has lived an honorable and upright life.

RUDOLPH STROPPEL.

During early life Rudolph Stroppel followed blacksmithing but for the past ten years has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits and is now the owner of a fine farm on section 25, Gower township. His early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born in Baden, Germany, March 23, 1859, his parents being Thomas and Katherine Stropple. The father was a lifelong resident of Baden and was a blacksmith by trade. He died in his native country, but the mother came to the new world in 1885 and passed away here in 1902. There were only two children in the family, the younger being Olive, now the wife of Richard Wagner, of Jersey City, New Jersey.

In the land of his nativity Rudolph Stroppel grew to manhood and under the direction of his father learned the blacksmith's trade. Prior to coming to the United States he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Rist, who was also born in Baden, March 25, 1859, a daughter of John Rist. This union has been blessed by the birth of the following children: Thomas, now a resident of South Dakota; Anna, the wife of Willis Diehl, of the same state; John, also of South Dakota; Katharine, who is engaged in teaching school in Cedar county; George, Clara and Charles, all at home; and Mary, who died in infancy.

In 1883 Mr. Stroppel, in company with his wife and only son, crossed the ocean and took up his residence in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he obtained work as a mechanic in the railroad shops, remaining there from March until November of that year. In the latter month, however, he proceeded westward and settled in Cedar county, Iowa, where he was engaged in blacksmithing until about ten years ago, when on account of ill health he retired from that occupation and has since engaged in farming. He had charge of the construction work of all the machinery at the Cedar Valley quarries and continued to carry on a blacksmith and machine shop for several years. He then purchased his present farm, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres on section 25, and eighty acres on section 4, Gower township, and to its improvement and cultiva-

tion he has since devoted his energies. When he located thereon there was not a fence upon the place, but he has erected good substantial buildings, has divided the farm into fields by good fences and has placed the land under a high state of cultivation. In connection with general farming he has also engaged in the raising of high grade stock of all kinds and has met with success in this occupation. The democratic party finds in him a stanch supporter of its principles and he is now serving as township trustee in a most creditable and acceptable manner. Religiously he holds membership in St. Joseph Catholic church at Cedar Valley.

J. H. FITZPATRICK.

From pioneer days down to the present the Fitzpatrick family has been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Cedar county and have ever borne their part in the work of development and improvement. Upon his present farm on section 24, Gower township, J. H. Fitzpatrick was born November 5, 1863, a son of Henry and Mary (Harley) Fitzpatrick, both natives of Ireland, the former born in Queens county and the latter in County Donegal. It was about 1839 that his grandfather, Daniel Fitzpatrick, emigrated to the new world and came to Iowa, since which time numerous representatives of the family have borne their part in the prosperity of this section of the state. The grandfather was one of the honored pioneers of Cedar county, becoming the owner of a farm in Gower township on which our subject now resides and when he took up his residence thereon his nearest markets were the Mississippi river towns. Soon after locating here Rochester was made the county seat. In his family were several children. John, the fifth in order of birth, died while the family were crossing the ocean. The others are as follows: Daniel and Edward, both of whom died in Cedar county; Eliza, who became the wife of James McGee and also died in this county; Mary, who married James Fitzpatrick (not a relative), and she also died in this county; Thomas, who died here; Margaret, who married Thomas Nolan and died in South Dakota; and Henry, the father of our subject. With the exception of John and Daniel all reached years of maturity, were married and reared families of their own, some of them having several children.

Henry Fitzpatrick, the father of our subject, came to Cedar county about a year or so after his father located here. He was married in Iowa City to Miss Mary Harley, who came to the United States with her brother, James Harley. She died in this county upon the home farm, but her husband was killed by a runaway team. By a former marriage he had two sons and one daughter, namely: Daniel and Thomas, both residents of Woodbury county, Iowa; and Margaret, who died when young. The four children by his second marriage are: Edward, now a resident of South Dakota; Charles, who died when young; J. H. of this review; and Elizabeth, the wife of Thomas Mead of Howard county, Iowa.

Upon his present farm J. H. Fitzpatrick grew to manhood, his literary education being acquired in the local schools, and while assisting in the labors of the home farm he early acquired an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits. He has always resided upon the home farm and is today the owner of two hundred and eighty-three acres on sections 24 and 25, Gower township. It is one of the best improved places of the community and owing to its excellent cultivation produces good crops. Mr. Fitzpatrick was married November 16, 1894, to Miss Catharine Forrestel, who was born in Johnson county, Iowa, in 1867, her parents being Thomas and Johanna Forrestel, both natives of Ireland, who were married after coming to this country. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick are: Henry, Mary, Genevieve, Thomas, Charles, Agnes and Bernadine.

Since the family was established in the United States its male representatives have all voted the democratic ticket and the family have always been communicants of the Catholic church. Our subject today holds membership in St. Joseph's Catholic church of Cedar Valley and is a man who commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he is brought in contact, either in business or social life.

WILLIAM CAHILL.

William Cahill is one of the prosperous farmers of Cedar county, owning four hundred and forty acres of land in Cass and Gower townships, all of which he has acquired through his own labor, save a tract of eighty acres, which was a part of his father's homestead. In matters of business judgment he is seldom if ever at fault and his industry has constituted the foundation upon which he has built his prosperity. He was born in Davenport, Iowa, in September, 1860, and is a son of James and Margaret (Martin) Cahill, both of whom were natives of County Tipperary, Ireland. Their youthful days were spent on the Emerald isle, but they were married at Rock Island, Illinois. Coming to Iowa, they lived for many years in Cedar county, both passing away on the old homestead farm, to the development and improvement of which Mr. Cahill had long devoted his time and attention. He was about sixty years of age at his death which occurred on the 19th of February, 1881, while his wife passed away December 12, 1872, at the age of fifty years. They were people of the highest respectability and enjoyed the warm friendship of the many with whom they were associated. Their family numbered four children: Sarah, now the wife of Thomas Wall of Johnson county, Iowa; Margaret, the wife of John Hanson, living in South Dakota; William; and Mary, the wife of Herbert Flannery of South Dakota.

William Cahill on leaving the city of Davenport took up his abode in Johnson county, but after two years came to Cedar county, arriving in 1865, when the subject of this review was but five years of age. He has since resided upon the place which is now his home. It is situated on the old stage route to the "Side Hill" postoffice. At present Mr. Cahill is the owner of four hundred and

forty acres of excellent and productive land of which two hundred and one acres is situated on section 31, Cass township, while the remainder is on sections 5 and 6, Gower township. It is all in one body, however, and is known as the Glendale Stock Farm. Mr. Cahill is actively engaged in the raising of Hereford cattle, Shire horses and Duroc Jersey hogs. Eighty acres of this farm was part of his father's homestead, but the remainder has been acquired by Mr. Cahill and his possessions are the visible evidence of his life of thrift and industry. The farm has been well improved by him and is lacking in none of the accessories or conveniences of the model farm. He also has interests in Oklahoma.

On the 26th of March, 1883, Mr. Cahill was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Dwyer, who was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, on the 15th of March, 1860, and was taken to Johnson county, Iowa, in 1861 by her parents Michael and Mary (Peters) Dwyer, both of whom were natives of County Tipperary, Ireland, where they were reared although married in the United States. They now reside in Cedar township, Johnson county, upon the farm where they originally located. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cahill have been born eight children: Margaret, who is the wife of T. F. Lynch of Cedar Valley and has two children, William and John; Michael, at home; James; Maurice; William; Mary; and John and Francis, twins.

In his political views Mr. Cahill is a democrat and for the past four years has served as one of the trustees of Gower township. At the present time he is a school director, filling the position for six years. He belongs to St. Bridget's Catholic church in the Nolan settlement and is interested in all that pertains to the material, intellectual and moral progress of the community. His forcefulness and his resourcefulness in business are indicated in the excellent success which he has achieved, making him one of the prosperous farmers of Gower township.

WALTER L. HARDEN.

One of the leading agriculturists of Gower township is Walter L. Harden, who owns and operates a fine farm of one hundred and sixty-eight acres on sections 8 and 17. He has spent his entire life in this township, his birth occurring January 8, 1862, and he is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Cedar county. His parents were Henry and Hannah (Grewell) Harden, both natives of Stark county, Ohio. They came to Cedar county, Iowa, with their respective parents, the mother being about seventeen years of age at the time of her arrival and the father twenty. Here they were married and continued to reside until the father passed passed away in 1875. He made farming his life occupation and at his death was the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of well improved land. The mother is still living and continues to reside in Plato, Gower township. She is a member of the Society of Friends, to which her husband also belonged. To them were born the following children: Aaron, who died at the age of thirteen years; Walter L. of

this review; Brent T. of North English, Iowa; Ida, the wife of Ed Hoffman of Gower township; Dora, the wife of N. C. Butler of West Branch, Iowa; and Henry, who is living with his mother in Plato. She is a daughter of Aaron and Bethsheba Grewell, both of whom died in Cedar county. Our subject's paternal grandparents were Richard and Abigail Harden, the former of whom died in Ohio, while the death of the latter occurred in this county.

Upon the home farm Walter L. Harden grew to manhood, receiving a good practical education, and he has continued to reside in Gower township with the exception of three years spent in Muscatine, Iowa, after his marriage. He is a most progressive and up-to-date farmer and upon his place has recently erected a good ten-room residence, modern and up-to-date in its appointments, and he also has good barns and outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock.

In 1887 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Harden to Miss Della Wymer, who was born in Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1861, a daughter of Solomon and Sarah (Hall) Wymer. Her father is now deceased but her mother is still living and continues a resident of Muscatine. The children born to our subject and his wife are: Ida, Fred M., Gladys, William and Ira. Since age conferred upon Mr. Harden the right of franchise he has supported the men and measures of the republican party and has served as assessor of his township for eight years. He is a public-spirited citizen, taking an active interest in public affairs, and keeps well posted on the questions and issues of the day.

ALONZO SEAMAN.

Twenty years' connection with farming interests in Cedar county established Mr. Seaman's right to rank with the leading and highly respected agriculturists of this portion of the state. He is now living retired and makes his home in Clarence, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. For forty-two years he has been a resident of the county, arriving here in 1868. He is now seventy-eight years of age, his birth having occurred in Broome county, New York, on the 2d of February, 1832. His parents were the Rev. George W. and Clarissa (Works) Seaman, both of whom were natives of the state of New York. The father was a minister of the Congregational church and became one of the early preachers of Illinois, going to Ogle county, that state. Later he became a resident of Carroll county and labored earnestly to promote the cause of Christianity. He passed away there in 1845.

Alonzo Seaman was reared in New York and Illinois, being a youth of thirteen years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to the latter state. In Carroll county he was married on the 21st of October, 1857, to Miss Rebecca A. Rose, who was born and reared in Pennsylvania and was a daughter of Rufus Rose, who became one of the early settlers of Carroll county. Following his marriage Mr. Seaman engaged in farming in Carroll county, having at first seventy acres of land which he entered from the government. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made upon the place at the time when he took possession, but he resolutely transformed the wild tract into productive fields.

MR. AND MRS. ALONZO SEAMAN

Later he sold that property and bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, which he cultivated for a number of years. He also built a house and barn and carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1868, when he sold out and came to Cedar county, Iowa. Here he invested in one hundred and sixty acres of land in Dayton township and diligently developed the fields in the cultivation of crops best adapted to soil and climate. He also raised and fed stock, making a specialty of hogs. There he carried on farming until 1887, when he rented his land and purchased four and a half acres in Clarence, where he now resides. He built upon this place a good dwelling, together with a substantial barn and outbuildings and now has a well equipped property. He sold his farm a number of years ago and is now practically living retired. He became one of the first stockholders of the First National Bank and was financially interested in the institution for a number of years.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Seaman have been born four children: George R., of South Dakota, who is married and has one son, Clyde; Emma, the wife of George Kinney, of Clarence, by whom she has two children, Lowell and Edward; Jessie, the wife of John Woods, Jr., of Cedar county and the mother of one daughter, Gracie; and Rose Isabelle, the wife of Morton H. Coppas, a farmer of Dayton township. There are three children of that marriage, Maxwell, Howard and Harland.

Mrs. Seaman belongs to the Presbyterian church at Clarence. Mr. Seaman votes with the republican party but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. His life has been one of well directed activity, bringing to him the success which is his and the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

FRED EMERSON WATERS.

Fred Emerson Waters, proprietor of the Edgewood Stock Farm and one of the most successful stock-breeders in this section of the state, his home being on section 29, Springdale township, has spent his entire life in Iowa, his birth occurring in Wapsie township, Muscatine county, Iowa, January 8, 1878.

He is the third from the youngest in a family of twelve children, his parents being Milton B. and Elizabeth (Hendrickson) Waters, who are also residents of Springdale township. He was only five years of age when the family came to Cedar county and he has resided near Downey ever since, his entire life being devoted to farming and stock-raising. His primary education was obtained in the district schools near his boyhood home and he was subsequently graduated from the Iowa City Commercial College on the 5th of June, 1896. He remained with his father until his marriage and then began farming on his own account, his first place being a tract of one hundred and twenty acres in Muscatine county, where he resided for five years. At the end of that time he sold out and removed to his present farm of three hundred and sixty acres on section 29, Springdale township, Cedar county, which is conveniently located only a half mile from Downey. This place was originally the A. B. Cornwall homestead and since he has taken possession thereof he has made many improvements.

Since starting out in life for himself Mr. Waters has made a specialty of the breeding of stock, devoting his attention principally to Percheron horses and Chester White hogs, of which he has some of the finest in the country. At the head of his drove are Chickasaw Chief, New Hampton King and O. K. Repeater, and among his sows are Maud, the grand champion at the Illinois State Fair in 1908; Better Girl, the grand champion at the Nebraska State Fair in 1908; Lillian W., a prize winner at the Iowa State Fair of 1908; and New Hampton Queen, a prize winner at the Iowa Fair of 1908, besides other prize winners such as Marie No. 2, Orange Blossom, Iowa Bell, Brilliant Star and Mary. In fact, he has about one hundred and fifty head of registered hogs upon his farm. His horses have also become noted throughout the country. Brilliant D. standing at the head of his herd, is a three year old, weighing twenty-three hundred and sixty pounds, which won the grand championship in the three year old class both home bred and open class of Percherons of any age at the Iowa State Fair, the Nebraska, Wisconsin and Illinois State Fairs and also the International Stock Show at Chicago in 1908. Among his other fine horses is Morse, one of Besique's greatest sons, and he now has sixteen head of stallions upon his place. His father being interested in the stock business, Mr. Waters was practically born and reared in the same and there is probably no man in this part of the country who is more familiar with the business or is a better judge of stock than he. He started with an imported mare about thirteen years ago and his business has steadily grown until it has now reached extensive proportions and his stock is famed throughout Iowa and the surrounding states. At present he raises no crops, his whole farm being devoted to meadow and pasture land.

On the 25th of February, 1902, Mr. Waters was united in marriage to Miss Anna G. Rummells, a native of Johnson county, Iowa, born near Downey, and a daughter of Henry Rummells. They now have five children, namely: Irene Elizabeth, Verda Edmonia, Leslie E., Vesta E. and Ora E. Since the spring of 1909 the family have resided upon their present farm and they are people of prominence in the community, having a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

HARRY P. MATTISON.

Harry P. Mattison, who is devoting his time and energies to general farming on section 27, Gower township, was born July 15, 1875, on the place which he yet makes his home. In fact, he has always resided here, so that it is endeared to him through the associations of his boyhood and of later manhood as well. His father, Philip Mattison, was born in London, England, in November, 1837, and was six years of age when he came to America with his parents, who settled near Massillon, Ohio. There the grandfather of our subject died, and the grandmother came with her family to Iowa in 1855, taking up her abode in Springdale. In 1857 Philip Mattison was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Sullivan, a lady of Scotch-Irish lineage, who was born in Dublin, Ireland,

August 15, 1835, and came to America while in her teens, arriving in Springdale, Iowa, in 1854. In 1863 they located on a farm in Gower township, four miles northeast of West Branch, where Mrs. Mattison still resides with her son Harry. She has been called upon to mourn the loss of her husband, who died in 1898, honored and respected by all who knew him. In the family of this worthy couple were six children, namely: Anna M., who is now the widow of William S. Enlow and a resident of West Branch; Nellie M., who is the wife of Dr. J. M. Mingus, of Iowa City; Charles, a prominent lawyer of Butte, Montana; Edwin, a druggist of Omaha, Nebraska; Clara, who died in infancy; and Harry P., of this review. The family have long been connected with the Society of Friends.

In his boyhood days Harry P. Mattison was a pupil in the public schools and there laid the foundation for his later success. He was thoroughly trained in farm work so that he was able to take charge of the property and successfully continue the cultivation of the fields. He is now engaged in the cultivation of a valuable tract of land of two hundred and forty acres, situated on sections 27 and 33, Gower township.

On the 21st of December, 1898, Mr. Mattison was united in marriage to Miss Anna Barkhurst, who was born in Iowa township on the 5th of March, 1876, and is a daughter of Thomas and Ella (Doty) Barkhurst. Their home has been blessed by the birth of an interesting little son, Philip. Mr. and Mrs. Mattison are both well known in this county where they have spent their entire lives and where they now have a large circle of warm friends.

WILMER A. HIRST.

Wilmer A. Hirst, widely known as a successful and enterprising farmer and stock-raiser of Springdale township, was born on the place where he now resides, his natal day being May 21, 1881. His paternal grandparents, John and Maria Hirst, both passed away in this county, while the maternal grandparents, Austin and Edith McConnell, died in Ohio and Iowa respectively. Thomas and Susan (Marsh) Heald, the great-grandparents of our subject, passed away simply from old age within forty-eight hours of each other and their remains were interred in a double grave in the Hickory Grove cemetery of Springdale township.

Wilson C. and Mary Anna (McConnell) Hirst, the parents of W. A. Hirst of this review, were both natives of Ohio. The father was born in Belmont county on the 21st of October, 1846, while the mother's birth occurred in 1842. Wilson C. Hirst came to Cedar county, Iowa, with his parents when sixteen years of age and in 1868 wedded Mary Anna McConnell, who had come to this county with her widowed mother. Here she followed the profession of teaching prior to her marriage at the little school house known as Yankee Corner, having sixty pupils, to whom she imparted clearly and readily the knowledge that she had acquired. She was also an active and valued member of the Hickory Grove "Friends Meeting" and passed away in that faith in 1892. Follow-

ing his marriage Wilson C. Hirst began operating the farm which is now conducted by our subject, being actively and successfully engaged in its cultivation until 1907. On first becoming identified with agricultural interests he rented land but a few years later bought a tract of eighty acres. As his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, he added to his land holdings from time to time until they now embrace two hundred and fifty acres on section 10, Springdale township. In 1896 he was again married, his second union being with Rachel H. Taber, whose birth occurred near Mount Pleasant, Ohio. They now make their home near Barnesville, Ohio, having returned to the Buckeye state in 1907. By his first wife Wilson C. Hirst had the following children: Luella M., the wife of John Fritchman, of Hughson, California; Lura, who passed aawy at the age of nine years; John S., who in 1907 fell from a tree on frozen ground and was instantly killed; Wilmer A., of this review; Emmor G., a resident of South Dakota; and Mary L., the wife of Harvey I. Branson, of West Branch in Springdale township.

Wilmer A. Hirst has always remained on the farm where he was born with the exception of about a year and a half spent in a machine shop and the work of the fields has claimed his time and energies. He operates the two-hundred-acre tract belonging to his father on section 10, Springdale township, the fields being under a high state of cultivation and improvement. In connection with the tilling of the soil he devotes considerable attention to the raising of stock, meeting with success in both branches of activity.

On the 1st of May, 1907, Mr. Hirst was united in marriage to Alice C. Barker, of Chester, Pennsylvania, her father being Calvin S. Barker. W. A. Hirst is a member of the Friends Society and exemplifies its teachings in his daily life. A young man of upright and honorable principles, he well merits the regard and esteem which are uniformly accorded him in the community where his entire life has been spent.

JAMES DWIGANS.

James Dwigans, deceased, was one of the honored early settlers of Cedar county and for over sixty years he made his home within its borders, the greater part of that time being devoted to agricultural pursuits, though his last days were spent in retirement in Tipton, where he passed away on the 22d of June, 1903. He was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, February 27, 1827, and was a son of Callihan and Sarah (Coleman) Dwigans, who were natives of Maryland and Ohio respectively and died in this county.

Our subject, who was the eldest of their nine children, was about ten years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Rock Island county, Illinois, where the family resided for two years. It was in the spring of 1839 that they came to Cedar county, Iowa, and located upon a farm near Tipton, where he grew to manhood. In the spring of 1850 he went to California and was engaged in mining for a period of three years. At the end of that time,

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however, he returned to Cedar county, where throughout the remainder of his life he followed farming and milling. In December, 1869, he purchased a farm three miles west of Tipton in Center township and upon that place he resided until his removal to Tipton, devoting the greater part of his time and attention to its cultivation and improvement. Being of a mechanical turn of mind, he was greatly interested in machinery and, as he could not secure a millwright, he planned and erected the stone mill which he owned and conducted for several years. In his business undertakings he prospered and at his death left four hundred acres of land, two hundred and forty of which his widow still owns. Having acquired a comfortable property, he finally removed to Tipton in 1902 and there spent the remainder of his days in ease and quiet, enjoying the fruits of former toil.

In December, 1863, Mr. Dwigans was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary (Ives) Leabhart, whose birth occurred in Muskingum county, Ohio, on the 5th of March, 1841. Her father, Stephen Ives, was born in New Hampshire in August, 1803, and on reaching manhood was married in Vermont, January 18, 1836, to Miss Sarah Nutt, a native of that state, whose birth occurred in June, 1812. Coming west in 1840, they first located in Muskingum county, Ohio, and later removed to Coshocton county, that state. It was in 1855 that they brought their family to Cedar county, Iowa, and located on the place where the stone mill now stands. At the early age of nine years Mr. Ives entered a woolen factory and throughout the remainder of his life followed the occupation of carding and cloth dressing, owning and operating a small factory in this county until his death, which occurred March 30, 1857. His second wife survived him for many years, dying in Tipton in December, 1896. By his first marriage he had two sons: Victor, who was drowned at the age of eight years; and Orange, now a resident of Denver, Colorado. His second union was with Sarah Nutt and to them were born four children: John N., now of Boulder, Colorado; Mary, now Mrs. Dwigans; William, who died in 1900; and Emma, the wife of Justus Keller, of Emmettsburg, Iowa.

Mrs. Dwigans was only fourteen years of age when brought by her parents to this county, and after reaching womanhood was married in February, 1858, to Solomon Leabhart, who was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, February 20, 1835, and died in West Liberty, Iowa, in July, 1862. He was a contractor and house finisher, employing several men. By that union there was one son, William O., who was born in West Liberty, March 1, 1859, and now resides with his mother in Tipton, while he operates the home farm. He married Miss Fannie Barnes, of West Liberty, and their only child is Charles Herman, now sixteen years of age, whom Mr. Dwigans especially loved. There was one child, Charles C., born to our subject and his wife, but he died in 1884 at the early age of nineteen years, when life seemed to hold so much of promise for him. This was one of the greatest sorrows of Mr. Dwigans' life.

On his removal to Tipton in 1902 Mr. Dwigans purchased and remodeled the house on Mulberry street, near the northern limits of the town, where his widow still resides. In his political affiliations he was a republican, taking active and prominent part in local affairs, and his fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and

ability, called upon him to fill various township and school offices. For over thirty years he was an earnest and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church at West Bethel, having united under the pastorate of Rev. George Metzgar, and on the Sabath day he was always found in the house of worship, nothing but illness keeping him away, and his life was ever in harmony with his professions. In business and social relations he ever held to high standards and enjoyed in large measure the confidence and trust of those with whom he was brought in contact in every relation of life.

TILLMON TODD.

Tillmon Todd, of Springdale, who, since 1883 has been engaged in the practice of law, was born in Chesterfield, Ohio, and as a small boy came to Iowa in 1852 with his parents, Elisha and Sally (Smith) Todd, who were residents of Columbiana county, Ohio. The mother was born near Barnesville, Ohio. The parents were married in Columbiana county and afterward removed to Morgan county, Ohio, locating there at an early day when there were many deer still to be found in that locality. In 1852 they came to Iowa and spent their remaining days in Cedar county and here they also shared in the hardships and experiences of pioneer life as the father developed and improved a new farm. He was an active supporter of the cause of abolition and assisted in maintaining a station on the underground railroad both in Ohio and in Iowa. He was defeated when a candidate for the legislature in Ohio owing to his strong anti-slavery principles. Throughout his business career his attention was given to general farming and he became the owner of two hundred acres of land in Cedar county and a tract of equal extent in Linn county. Both he and his wife were members of the Society of Friends and took an active part in its work, Mrs. Todd acting as clerk of the Friends meeting in Ohio and in this county, while Mr. Todd was overseer of the meeting in Ohio. Later he did not adhere so closely to the teachings of that sect but became more liberal in his religious views. He died in 1882 at the age of seventy-five years, while his wife passed away at the age of seventy-eight years.

In their family were eight children: Emily, who was married three times and died at the age of sixty-nine years; Lydia, who became the wife of Joshua Smith but both are now deceased; Shannon, a twin brother of Lydia and a resident of Springdale; John, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Sabilla, the wife of Harry Beeson of West Liberty; Lindley, who died at the age of eighteen years; Maria, the widow of Elza Maxon and a resident of Springdale; and Tillmon, of this review.

As previously stated, Tillmon Todd was but a small boy when he came with his parents to Iowa. They made the journey with four covered wagons, three teams and one single horse and on reaching Cedar county settled in Springdale, where Mr. Todd has resided continuously since the spring of 1853. He was reared upon the home farm and early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. After the loss of his first wife, he

resumed his education, attending the Springdale Seminary. Later he engaged in teaching school for several years and subsequently entered the law office of Wolf & Landt, attorneys, at Tipton, the partners being Hon. W. P. Wolf and S. B. Landt. After a thorough course of liberal reading Mr. Todd was admitted to the bar in 1883 and has since been engaged in the general practice of law. He prepares his cases with great thoroughness and presents his cause in a strong and logical way. He has also been identified with agricultural interests and has one hundred and eighty acres of valuable land in Cedar county and two hundred acres in Wisconsin. He likewise has mining interests in Colorado and in his various business enterprises is meeting with a subtantial and gratifying meaure of success. He was one of the instigators of and is now actively engaged in the promotion of the Iowa City & Davenport Interurban Railroad, extending from Iowa City through Springdale to Davenport.

Mr. Todd was married first in 1865 to Miss Mary Gifford, a native of Chesterfield, Ohio, who came to Iowa with her parents in 1854 and died in 1870. The two children born of that marriage are now deceased, Lettie having passed away at the age of two and one-half years, while Tyna became the wife of C. E. Boss and died October 1, 1909, leaving two daughters.

In 1882 Mr. Todd was again married, his second union being with Miss Lou Andre, who was born near Mechanicsville in Cedar county and has resided here all her life. She is a lady of superior ability, well known as a practicing physician. After pursuing her literary education in the schools of this county, she took a four years' medical course, spending two years as a student of medicine in Iowa City and two years at Keokuk, Iowa. She received her M. D. degree in the spring of 1903 and has since engaged in the general practice of medicine, being accorded a liberal patronage. Her skill and ability are manifest in the excellent results which have attended her efforts and she is a member of the county, state and national medical associations. She is also an active member of the Self-Culture Club. By her marriage she has become the mother of one son, Carr, who is his father's partner in farming and stock-raising.

Mr. Todd has one of the finest parks on the Cedar river, known as Todd's Park, adjoining Gray's ford. Upon the place is a fine spring, the water coming out of the solid rock seventy-five feet above the level of the river. The park includes one hundred and twenty acres and upon it there is much hard maple, oak, hickory and basswood. Attractive natural scenery is furnished in cliffs. rocks, hills and valleys. The place borders the river for three-quarters of a mile and Hares creek also runs through it. The park was established by Mr. Todd in 1883, in which year he threw it open to the public, since which time many picnics are held there annually and it is a favorite resort with pleasure-seekers. Mr. Todd is a graduate of the Weltmer School of Healing, of the class of 1903, and has cured hundreds but gave up the work owing to the condition of his health. He acts as correspondent for a number of daily and local papers and is interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the community. He has served as a member of the school board for twelve or fifteen years and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has served as a member of the central committee. He was reared in the Friends church but is not aggressive in either

politics or religion. He believes in according to every individual the right of thinking for himself and is recognized as a broad-minded man who is actuated by the spirit of justice and truth in all that he does. Both Mr. and Mrs. Todd have a wide acquaintance in the county and their many excellent qualities have gained them the warm regard and favorable recognition of all who know them.

HOWARD W. REICHERT.

Howard W. Reichert needs no introduction to the readers of this volume for he has always resided in Tipton—his native city—his birth having here occurred April 14, 1879, and in the course of years has come to be recognized as one of the leading merchants and financiers of the city. He is a son of the late John H. Reichert, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. His father in the management and control of business affairs became one of the wealthy residents of the city and erected in Tipton one of its finest homes, now occupied by his daughter, Mrs. Peters. The family numbered ten children, namely: Lillian, the wife of Dr. R. A. Peters, of Tipton; Clara, who died in infancy; Walter P., of Canton, Illinois; Margaret, the wife of C. Bennett Chesterman, of Sioux City; Rose Anna, the wife of L. S. Maxon, of Tipton; Charles Scott, who died at the age of thirty years; Howard W., of this review; Lina, the wife of Frederick Perkins, of Canton, Illinois; John H., who died in infancy; and Bertha H., living in Tipton.

Of this family Dr. Charles Scott Reichert was the first American dentist to receive a license to practice on the Island of Cuba. He had an examination lasting twenty-three days before he was admitted to practice there, but after a short time spent on the island he returned home. At the time of the Spanish-American war he entered the army as a member of a signal corps, which was disbanded at Des Moines. He then became a private of Company F, Forty-ninth Iowa Infantry, and at Savannah, Georgia, became a bookkeeper for General Fitzhugh Lee. Soon after arriving in Cuba he was taken ill and was brought home. It was after this that he was engaged in practice in Cuba. He had studied for one year in Iowa City and two years at the Chicago University and was graduated with honors on the completion of the dental course. He died in Tipton, February 17, 1908.

Howard W. Reichert completed his education in the Tipton high school and following his graduation entered business life as a member of the firm of Reichert & Geller. He spent two years in mastering the business and on the 1st of January, 1900, became his father's successor in the firm, which conducted an extensive trade in lumber, coal and building materials. In the spring of 1910 he established an automobile business and livery, selling and repairing motor cars. He is also a director of the Cedar County State Bank of Tipton, succeeding to the position upon the death of his father on the 19th of December, 1907. He is a forceful factor in commercial circles and his ready adaptability and enterprise enable him to successfully accomplish whatever he undertakes.

On the 24th of October, 1901, Mr. Reichert was united in marriage to Miss Bertha A. Pfaff, a native of this county and the only child of Peter and Elizabeth (Cox) Pfaff. Her father, who was born in Cedar county, May 10, 1847, passed away in Tipton on the 20th of May, 1909. Her maternal grandparents were W. H. and Caroline (Setford) Cox, who were natives of Indiana but were married in Iowa. Both are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Reichert have one child, Bernice.

They are members of the Lutheran church, in which Mr. Reichert is serving as deacon, and he belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity. He is one of Tipton's young but most enterprising business men, resolute and determined, and never fears to advance where favoring opportunity leads the way. He is a prominent representative of a worthy pioneer family and like his father is making for himself a creditable name and gaining a very desirable competence.

HENRY LETH.

Henry Leth, who obtains a gratifying annual income from his farming and stock-raising interests, is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land in Farmington township. His birth occurred in Holstein, Germany, on the 13th of February, 1848, his parents being Henry and Bertha (Steffen) Leth, who were born, reared and married in that country. The father, whose natal day was June 9, 1823, wedded Miss Bertha Steffen about 1842 and in 1873 emigrated to the United States. Having lost his wife in 1886, he makes his home with our subject and though now eighty-seven years of age, is still hale and hearty and in possession of all his faculties.

Henry Leth acquired his education in the schools of the fatherland and after putting aside his text-books worked as a farm hand until he had attained the age of twenty years. In 1868, believing that he might enjoy better advantages in the new world, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and after landing on American shores made his way direct to Scott county, Iowa. There he labored as a farm hand for a year and then came to Cedar county, here working as a hired hand for about four years longer. On the expiration of that period he rented eighty acres of land in Farmington township and subsequently purchased a tract of similar size there. Later, by buying an eighty-acre tract adjoining, he extended the boundaries of his farm to embrace a quarter section of land. That property has remained his place of abode continuously since and he has made all of the improvements thereon. His home was destroyed by fire in 1900 but he immediately erected another fine residence. He carries on the work of tilling the soil and also raises stock and his business interests are so carefully managed that annually his sales of grain and stock return to him a good financial reward for his labor.

On the 28th of February, 1877, Mr. Leth was united in marriage to Miss Cicle Gottsch, who was born in Holstein, Germany, December 28, 1849, a daughter of Claus and Anna (Kuel) Gottsch. The father was also born in Holstein, February 5, 1810, and passed away on the 17th of August, 1894, in

Farmington township, this county, but the mother, who was born March 9, 1814, died in Holstein, August 18, 1871, before the emigration of the family to America. It was in 1875 that Mrs. Leth crossed the Atlantic and first located in Moline, Illinois.

Of the eight children born to our subject and his wife, four are now deceased, three having died in infancy, while Annie died at the age of thirteen years. The others are: Tillie, who was born February 13, 1879, and is now the wife of George Thede, of Cedar county; Alma, born April 12, 1883; Lillie, born September 20, 1886; and Harry, born July 6, 1890. The three youngest are at home with their parents.

Mr. Leth casts an independent ballot at local elections but supports the democracy on national questions. He was a school director for twenty-five years and also acted as road supervisor for two years, declining to serve longer. He and his family belong to the German Lutheran church, and he is also a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity at Sunbury. During the period of his residence in Cedar county, covering more than four decades, he has gained an extensive acquaintance and many friends who hold him in high esteem.

JOHN McALLISTER.

A farm of one hundred and thirty acres of arable land and ten acres of timber land on section 9, Pioneer township, is the property of John McAllister, and in the development of the place he follows the most progressive methods of agriculture. His farm is endeared to him not only through the associations of manhood but also of boyhood, for it was here his youthful days were passed and it was here his birth occurred, his natal day being February 26, 1858.

Thomas McAllister, his father, was born in Ireland and was a son of Neice McAllister, who on leaving the Emerald isle crossed the Atlantic to Canada, where he resided for some years. He then left the Dominion to establish his home in the United States, making his way at once to Cedar county, Iowa. Thomas McAllister was largely reared in Canada and with his parents came to this state, where he soon afterward started out in life on his own account. On the 21st of April, 1857, he was married here to Miss Elizabeth McCluskey, a native of Canada. He purchased a tract of raw land of one hundred and sixty acres and later sold eighty acres of this, giving his attention to the cultivation and improvement of the remaining eighty acres. On the farm he built a good brick house, which was one of the first in the county. He assisted in making the brick and erecting the house, which is two stories in height and is still in a good state of preservation although it was built fifty-four years ago. He also made other substantial improvements on the place, including the erection of a good barn and outbuildings to protect grain and stock from the inclement weather. He fenced the fields, bought fifty acres of land adjoining and altogether developed a good farm. He learned how to economize time and make his labor count for the most and as the years passed by his intelligently directed effort brought him success. His last years were spent upon this place,

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where he passed away February 3, 1907, and his wife survived him for only a few months, her death occurring September 28, 1907.

Their children were seven in number: John and James, who reside on the old homestead farm; Bernard, living in Howard county, Iowa; Thomas, who died in infancy; Mary, who acts as her brother's housekeeper and owns an interest in the home place; Nancy, who joined the Sisters of Charity, being known as Sister Mary Bernarda, and who is now a teacher in the Catholic college at Boulder, Colorado; and Elizabeth, the wife of M. J. Davin, of Black Hawk county, Iowa.

Mr. McAllister and his family were reared in the Catholic faith and the daughter who became Sister Mary Bernarda was educated in the Catholic schools of Davenport and Dubuque. For some years she has given her life to religious work. Reared to farm life, John McAllister has always engaged in general agricultural pursuits and has not only carefully tilled the soil but for years has also made a business of raising, feeding and fattening stock for the market. In this work he has been successful and has become well known in Mechanicsville and in Cedar and Linn counties. Politically he is a democrat but has never desired office. After his father's death he and his sister purchased the interests of the other heirs in the old home place which they now own, the sister managing the household affairs while Mr. McAllister gives his attention to the work of the fields, wherein he is winning a good return for his labors.

HENRY JACKSON.

Henry Jackson, one of the enterprising and representative agriculturists of Fremont township, owns and operates an attractive and well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 7, within a mile of Mechanicsville. His birth occurred in Fremont township, this county, on the 7th of June, 1874.

His father, John Jackson, was born and reared in the Buckeye state and at the time of the Civil war joined the Forty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he remained throughout the period of hostilities. He was captured by the Confederates and spent eleven months in Andersonville prison and four months on Belle Isle. On leaving the army he returned to Ohio but soon afterward came to Cedar county, Iowa, purchasing and locating on a tract of eighty acres near Mechanicsville. At the end of a few years he sold the property and bought the farm of one hundred and sixty acres which is now in possession of our subject. At that time a log cabin stood on the place and only a small portion of the land had been broken. By dint of unremitting toil he brought the fields under a good state of cultivation and also erected a substantial residence and barn as well as other necessary outbuildings. There he carried on his agricultural interests with excellent success until 1893, when he took up his abode in Mechanicsville, where he remained for about five years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Sandusky, Ohio, and that city has since been his home. He was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Allen, by whom he

had four children, namely: Frank, a resident of Cedar county; and Ed, Walter and John, all of State Center. His second union was with Cordelia Hines, and to them were born two children: Hulda, the wife of Fred Armstrong, of Cedar Rapids; and Henry, of this review.

Henry Jackson grew to manhood on the home farm and pursued the prescribed course of study in the Mechanicsville high school. When his father left the farm he took charge of the place and has since made many improvements thereon, having remodeled the house, repaired the barn, erected more outbuildings, fenced the fields and set out fruit trees. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he also raises and feeds stock, fattening from one to two carloads of hogs annually. In the management of his business affairs he displays keen discernment, unfaltering enterprise and sound judgment, and in the community where his entire life has been spent his name stands as a synonym for integrity and worth.

On the 22d of November, 1894, in Mechanicsville, Mr. Jackson was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Conner, who was born, reared and educated in Cedar county. Her father, William Conner, is likewise a native of this county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have been born three children: Willard, Howard and Marion.

Mr. Jackson is a republican in politics and is now ably serving in the capacity of township trustee. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Mechanicsville and both he and his wife belong to the Rebekahs. The latter is likewise a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are widely and favorably known throughout the county, having gained many friends during their lifelong residence here.

FRANKLIN W. DANCE.

The Pleasant View farm, one of the fine properties of Linn township, was the birthplace of Franklin W. Dance and thereon he is now successfully engaged in raising and feeding stock as well as in cultivating the fields in the production of the crops best adapted to soil and climate. Long a resident of this county, where he has many friends, his life history cannot fail to prove of interest to many of our readers.

His natal day was August 16, 1857, and he comes of English ancestry. His father, Major John Dance, was born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1823, and spent his youthful days in that country. In early manhood he became overseer of a large farm but the opportunities of the new world proved an irresistible attraction and in 1849 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States. Prior to sailing for the new world he was married on the 28th of May, 1849, to Miss Phoebe H. Hodson, whose noble patriotism was evinced during her husband's absence in the Civil war by maintaining her home at a great self-sacrifice. She was born at Henly Green, England. Following their arrival in America Mr. and Mrs. Dance spent about a year in Ohio and in 1852 became residents of Cedar county, Iowa. They spent one year at Rochester, after which he entered

two forty-acre tracts of land upon which his son Franklin now resides. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made upon the place at the time but his unfaltering activity soon wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of his land, which was converted from wild prairie into richly productive fields. He continued to engage in general farming until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when, feeling that his first duty was to his country, he enlisted and joined Company K of the Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He participated in the battle of Shiloh and other engagements. Later he was in the hospital for some time from a bullet wound in his right arm, after which he returned home on a furlough. He was then commissioned to raise a company for service at the front and later went to Davenport, Iowa, where he acted as drill master for some time. When he again returned to the front he was elected captain of Company K, Eighth Iowa Cavalry, and served with that rank until promoted to major, holding the latter commission until the close of the war. He was mustered out at Macon, Georgia, August 18, 1865, and received honorable discharge. The war over, Major Dance returned to his home and family and afterward became well known as pension agent and attorney of Linn county. He was elected and served on the county board of supervisors and in other local positions, his well known ability and loyalty in citizenship leading to his selection for various public offices. He reared his family here and in 1884 removed to Lisbon. He was there also called to public office and about 1886 was a candidate for the state legislature. He filled various positions of honor and trust and over the record of his official career there fell no shadow of wrong nor suspicion of evil. He spent his last years in Lisbon, but he died on the 21st of February, 1905, at Orient, Iowa, during a temporary sojourn there with his daughter Emma, having for a year survived his wife, who passed away January 12, 1904. They were laid to rest side by side in the Lisbon cemetery. Major Dance was a member of the Loyal Legion of Honor, of which Rutherford B. Hayes was commander. At the father's death the membership and badge reverted to his son Franklin W., who prizes these very highly. In the family were but two children, the daughter being Emma, the wife of Captain James M. Treichler, a brother of Judge Treichler.

Franklin W. Dance was reared upon the home farm, there living until the removal of his parents to the town of Lisbon. He afterward purchased the Cedar Bluff Creamery, which he conducted for two years, and early in his business career he manifested the qualities of perseverance, determination and energy which have been the salient factors in his later success. After his marriage he located upon the home farm, where he has since erected a neat residence, a good barn and convenient outbuildings. This place, appropriately named the Pleasant View Stock Farm, comprises three hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land. Of this one hundred and sixty acres is fenced and cross-fenced with hog-tight woven wire. He has made a close study of the best methods of tilling the fields and annually garners rich crops. He also engages in buying stock, largely handling steers, which he feeds and fattens for the market. He also fattens many hogs each year and his live-stock interests constitute an important and profitable branch of his business. The farm is

equipped with the latest improved machinery and all of the accessories needed for facilitating the work.

Mr. Dance was married in Tipton on the 27th of September, 1881, to Miss Elizabeth S. Beese, who was born at Cedar Bluff and is a daughter of Carl Beese, one of the early settlers of the county and a veteran of the Civil war. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dance have been born four daughters: Arlynn M. pursued her education at Mount Vernon and at Cedar Falls, and now holds a state teacher's certificate, being recognized as one of the leading educators of Iowa. She is now the wife of Dr. E. W. Bittner, a prominent young physician of Wheatland, Iowa, and a graduate of the State University of Iowa. Gale H., who also pursued her education at Mount Vernon and Cedar Falls, formerly engaged in teaching prior to her marriage to P. O. Clarke, also a student of Cornell College of Mount Vernon and now one of the progressive and intelligent farmers and business men of Linn county; Georgia H., who was educated at Cornell College, is also a teacher and assistant of Professor Aurner in securing data on the schools for this history of Cedar county; and Frankie Evelyn, who was educated at Cornell College of Iowa, completing the teacher's course, has since been engaged in teaching in Cedar county. The family is a prominent one, occupying a leading position in those social circles where intelligence and true worth are received as the passport into good society.

Mr. Dance attends the services of the Coon Creek Methodist Episcopal church located on his farm and his daughters are members of the church, while Mrs. Dance holds membership in the Baptist church. He was appointed a delegate to the Farmers National Congress held at Richmond, Virginia, in 1905, and has served altogether four times as a delegate to that body. Politically he has always been identified with the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. The cause of education has ever found in him a stalwart champion and for twenty-five years he has been township school treasurer. He has been a delegate to both county and state conventions of his party and served as census enumerator of Cass and Linn townships in 1900. His loyalty to every public trust reposed in him is one of his strongly marked characteristics. He is a man of excellent business ability, recognized as a successful farmer and stock-dealer. The Dance home is one of education and refinement and of warm-hearted hospitality, and is a favorite resort of the many friends of the family. Their influence is all for good, being at all times given on the side of progress, improvement, justice and truth.

WILBER N. FAUROT.

Wilber N. Faurot, proprietor of the Pleasant View Stock Farm, located on section 11, Pioneer township, is one of the most progressive and successful agriculturists of Cedar county. His place, which consists of nearly four hundred acres of well improved and valuable land, is pleasantly located within two miles of Mechanicsville and is one of the best improved farms of the locality. For thirty-six years he has been a resident of this county, having arrived here on

the 25th of March, 1874, and since attaining man's estate has been prominently identified with the upbuilding and development of this region. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Susquehanna county, August 26, 1858.

Samuel J. Faurot, the father of our subject, was a native of New Jersey and of French descent, being a son of James Faurot, who came to this country from France at an early day and was one of the pioneers of New Jersey. From that state he removed with his family to Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, where Samuel J. Faurot grew to manhood and was married to Miss Phebe Miller, a native of that county. There they continued to make their home upon a farm until after the birth of six of their children, and in 1867 removed to Illinois, locating in Carroll county, where the father purchased a farm and engaged in its operation for six years. At the end of that time he sold out and came to Cedar county, Iowa, where he bought the farm now owned and occupied by our subject. His first purchase consisted of two hundred and twenty-five acres, but as time passed and he prospered in his undertakings he added to his property until he and his sons owned four hundred and sixty acres. Upon that place he continued to make his home until called to his final rest August 7, 1901. His wife died July 20, 1910. George, who lives in South Dakota, is the oldest of their three children now living, the others being: Wilber N., of this review; and Nettie, the wife of John Kalb, of Denison, Iowa.

Wilber N. Faurot was about sixteen years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to this state and previous to that time had acquired a good common-school education in Pennsylvania and in Illinois. He never left the parental roof, but after reaching manhood was engaged in farming with his father for a number of years. He was married in Pioneer township, on the 19th of February, 1890, to Miss Rachel Longerbeam, who was born and reared in this county. Her father, William Longerbeam, was born in West Virginia about 1827 and in early life came to Iowa, being married in Johnson county. It was about 1880 that he settled in Pioneer township, Cedar county, where he followed farming until his death, July 17, 1895. His wife died on the 10th of June, 1901. In their family were six children, three sons and three daughters, of whom Mrs. Faurot is the fourth in order of birth. There have been five sons born to Mr. and Mrs. Faurot, namely: Howard B., Foster W., Lloyd, Arthur G. and Harland, who as they become old enough assist their father in the operation of the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Faurot began their domestic life upon the old homestead where they now reside and he has since made many improvements upon the place, including the erection of good and substantial buildings, which stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. He raises cattle and hogs for the market and usually ships from two to four carloads of stock per year. He also deals in horses to a considerable extent and is regarded as one of the best judges of stock in his locality. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the republican party but has never cared for official honors. His father, however, was very prominent in public affairs and was called upon to fill various positions of honor and trust, serving as assessor for some years and as township trustee. He was also a delegate to the county convention of the republican party, with which he affiliated, and was one of the leading and representative

citizens of his community. Religiously he was identified with the Methodist Episcopal church at Mechanicsville and took an active part in its work. Our subject and his wife also hold membership in that church and he affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Mechanicsville, in which lodge he has filled all of the chairs, being past grand at the present time. Both Mr. and Mrs. Faurot belong to the Rebekah lodge at that place, and the family is one of prominence in the community where they have so long made their home. In business affairs Mr. Faurot is prompt and notably reliable and well merits the high esteem in which he is held.

MICHAEL ZERBE.

In 1851 Michael Zerbe arrived in Cedar county. The district presented a far different appearance at that time from what it does today. The land was then largely wild and unimproved and comparatively few settlements had been made in this region to show that the work of civilization had been begun. There were wild animals and considerable wild game but the rich resources of the country attracted enterprising men who, taking advantage of the opportunities here offered, have won prosperity and at the same time have been the upbuilders of the county. To this number belongs Michael Zerbe, who is now living retired at the age of eighty-two years. He was, however, for a long period closely associated with industrial and agricultural interests and won success by unfaltering industry and perseverance.

A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Schuylkill county, November 8, 1828. His father, John Zerbe, was also a native of the same county and there spent his youthful days. He married Magdalene Gebert, who was likewise born in Pennsylvania, and in the Keystone state they reared their family, after which they removed to Miami county, Indiana. John Zerbe followed farming both in Pennsylvania and in Indiana, owning two farms in the latter state and there spending his remaining days.

Michael Zerbe was reared to manhood in the county of his nativity. His school privileges were limited so that he is almost wholly self-educated, but his training at farm labor was not meager, as from an early age he worked in the fields, assisting in their cultivation from the time of the early spring planting until the harvests were gathered in the late autumn. He continued with his father until nineteen years of age and then learned the gunsmith's trade at Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania, where he worked for two years as an apprentice and one year as a journeyman and afterward with his two brothers, Samuel and Jonathan Zerbe, came west to Cedar county, Iowa. Later John Zerbe also came, bought land and engaged in farming here for a number of years but subsequently sold out and removed to Linn county, where his death occurred. Jonathan Zerbe after living for some time in Cedar county went to Muscatine county, where he, too, passed away. On reaching Iowa the three brothers, Michael, Samuel and Jonathan Zerbe, first purchased eighty acres of land and afterward entered an adjoining tract of forty acres and opened up a farm. They gave

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their entire attention to the improvement of the place for some time and later Michael Zerbe purchased the interest of his brother Samuel and became the owner of one hundred and twenty acres, constituting a good property, which he cultivated for several years. At length he sold out and removed to Fremont township with his brother Samuel, who had there purchased a small place, upon which he spent his remaining days, passing away in 1892. Samuel Zerbe was married in Pennsylvania to Miss Sarah Wolf and brought his bride to Iowa. Her sister, Mrs. Catherine Koppenhaver, was married in Pennsylvania and after her husband's death removed to Iowa, joining her sister, Mrs. Zerbe, in Cedar county. She still resides here with her children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Zerbe there were born eight children, of whom four are living, namely: Amelia, the wife of Charles Echternacht, a farmer of Iowa; John George, who follows farming; Lucy, the wife of Dr. Russell of Mechanicsville; and Samuel A. Zerbe, of Dakota.

After locating in Cedar county Michael Zerbe opened a shop and worked at his trade for a number of years, making rifles and doing considerable repair work. His attention, however, has mostly been given to general agricultural pursuits, and he has become well known as one of the prosperous farmers and representative citizens of the community, his energy and industry bringing him substantial financial returns. For a considerable period he was associated with his brother Samuel in business and on leaving the farm in Fremont township he removed to Mechanicsville with his brother's widow and her family and in that city now resides. He has been a lifelong supporter of the democracy, casting his first presidential vote for Franklin Pierce in 1852, while in 1856 he voted for James Buchanan. He has since supported every presidential nominee of the party and has never faltered in his allegiance to democratic principles. The Zerbe family are numbered among the pioneer settlers of Cedar county, the brothers taking an active part in the work of development and progress here. Michael Zerbe is today the only survivor and has now reached the age of eighty-two years. He has lived a useful life, has been closely identified with the growth of the county for fifty-nine years, and at all times has commanded the respect and confidence of his fellowmen by reason of his sterling worth.

WILLIAM S. PIRIE.

William S. Pirie, one of the active and prosperous farmers of Fremont township, resides on section 26, where he owns and cultivates a farm of one hundred and sixty acres that is pleasantly located about a mile from Stanwood. Moreover, he is one of the members of the township board and is interested in all that pertains to progressive citizenship as well as to business activity. The farm which he now owns was his birthplace, his natal day being August 22, 1865.

His father, George Pirie, was a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, born February 19, 1827, and was the twelfth in order of birth in a family of fourteen children, of whom he was the last survivor. In the land of hills and heather he was

reared and when a young man of twenty-four years came to the new world. Having previously learned the stone-cutter's trade, he followed that occupation in New York city and Hamilton, Canada, for eight years. In the former city he was married, September 13, 1854, to Miss Christina Hill, also a native of Aberdeen, Scotland. In the fall of 1859 they came to Cedar county, Iowa, and Mr. Pirie purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Fremont township, constituting the farm upon which his son William S. now resides. The father began the development and improvement of the place, and the years marked his progress, for the land was converted into productive fields and from the crops which he annually harvested he gathered a goodly competence. In 1893 he retired from active labor and removed to Stanwood, where his wife died October 21, 1899. After that he made his home principally with his daughter, Mrs. H. E. Hart, and there he passed away on the 19th of August, 1910. In early life he became a member of the United Presbyterian church in Aberdeen and after coming to Iowa joined the Red Oak Grove Presbyterian church. He was a man whose faith was broad, whose life was clean, whose faithfulness was genuine. His family lost a loving parent and wise counselor, and the community a trusted friend and kind neighbor. In his family were four sons and two daughters, but the older daughter died soon after coming to Iowa. The others are as follows: Alender and George H., who are living in Orange county, California; Robert G., who makes his home in Stanwood, Iowa; William S., of this review; and Lillian, now Mrs. Hart, of Stanwood.

The other member of the family is William S. Pirie of this review, who has always resided upon the old homestead farm, his early experiences being those which usually fall to the lot of farm boys. He mastered the branches of learning taught in the district school and also spent two winter seasons as a pupil in the high school of Stanwood. As his years increased, he assisted more and more largely in the work of the farm, thus aiding his father until the latter's removal to the village. He has since carried on general agricultural pursuits on his own account and has gained a creditable position among the representative agriculturists of the community.

In Mechanicsville on the 31st of May, 1893, Mr. Pirie was united in marriage to Miss Lettie L. Harbaugh, who was born in Ohio and was brought to Iowa during her childhood days by her father, Jacob Harbaugh. After his marriage Mr. Pirie rented a farm for several years and then purchased a place of his father. He has made many excellent repairs, has fenced the fields, has tilled the land and has built a new barn and hog house. He is a strong advocate of progress along lines of modern farming and in connection with the cultivation of the soil he raises and feeds high grade stock, annually shipping from one to two carloads of hogs and about a carload of cattle. He also raises good horses and in his work is meeting with the success which crowns earnest, persistent effort.

Mr. and Mrs. Pirie now have three children: Ethel, Forest E. and William Leon. They also lost a son, George Floyd, at the age of two years. Mr. Pirie exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and in 1906 was elected township trustee. Later he was reelected and served for two terms and is again candidate for reelection. Fra-

ternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and has been officially identified with the schools for a number of years, serving as district treasurer for some time and in other connections as well. He is a friend to all progressive public movements and is the champion of every practical project which he deems of value and benefit to the community. His entire life has been devoted to agricultural interests and he has won his success in that field of labor which George Washington termed "the most useful and the most honorable occupation of man."

A. FREUND & COMPANY.

More than a half century ago the extensive mercantile business of A. Freund & Company was established by the firm of Petersen Brothers—Emil, Julius and Herman Petersen—who secured a stock of goods and opened their doors for business about 1860. Since that time the enterprise has been conducted with growing success until, under the management of A. Freund & Company, it is now the largest mercantile establishment in Cedar county and the largest located along the line of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company between Clinton and Cedar Rapids. From the inception the business, has been gradually increased to its present extensive proportions, keeping pace with the growth of Lowden and the prosperity of the county, notwithstanding the fact that twice all the buildings and stock were destroyed by fire, the first conflagration occurring December 8, 1869, while the last was on the 23d of June, 1878. The enterprise was established on the present location about 1860 and the original partners, Emil, Julius and Herman Petersen, sold out to their brother August Petersen and their nephew Julius Freund in 1882, at which time the firm style was changed from Petersen Brothers to Petersen & Freund. In August, 1889, Mr. Petersen retired from active business, disposing of his interest in the store and bank to his nephews Julius and August Freund, who conducted their interests under the style of J. Freund & Company. Of these Julius Freund died in 1893 and August Freund has since been a member of the firm, which has since operated under the style of A. Freund & Company. In addition to the conduct of their extensive mercantile interests, they conduct a private bank, in which they are carrying on business of extensive proportions. The firm also has the only grain elevator and does all of the grain buying in Lowden. Their new elevator was built a few years ago and is a thoroughly modern structure, splendidly equipped with machinery and fixtures. They also sell coal, having coal sheds along the side track of the Northwestern Railway. They handle all kinds of farm implements, including threshing machines, gas and steam engines, and have a large and well equipped store room for the conduct of this business. It is one hundred and thirty feet long and extends from Clinton street across block 6 to the side track of the railroad. The implement store room is located west of the main store building of the firm.

August Freund was born in Attleboro, Massachusetts, in 1860, but has been a resident of Lowden for the past thirty years, during which time he has always been connected with the business of the firm of which he is now the head and principal owner. He first started in as a clerk when but sixteen years of age and has gradually worked his way upward until he now occupies a most conspicuous and enviable position at the head of extensive mercantile and financial interests.

O. W. SCHIELE.

O. W. Schiele is one of the extensive landowners of Cedar county, his holdings embracing eight hundred and eighty acres, a fact which is indicative of an active and well spent life, for at the time of his arrival in this county in 1880 he had but eighty acres. He is therefore justly classed with the men of discriminating intelligence and of unfaltering energy, and his life indicates what may be accomplished when ambition and energy constitute the keynote of character.

Mr. Schiele was born in Prussia, Germany, March 19, 1853. His father, Carl Schiele, was also a native of that country and on coming to America in 1854 settled in Montpelier township, Muscatine county, Iowa. He had wedded Wilhelmina Wattenburg, also a native of Germany, and two years later the family came to the new world. He settled upon a tract of eighty acres of timber land which he converted into a fine farm, at once undertaking the difficult task of clearing away the trees and preparing the soil for cultivation. That he succeeded is evidenced by the fact that at the time of his death he was the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of valuable farm land in this state. He continued to reside upon the farm in Muscatine county until called to his final rest. His widow afterward made her home with her son, O. W. Schiele, and for over twenty-four years she lived with him. The family of Carl and Wilhelmina Schiele numbered four sons and a daughter who reached mature years: Charles, formerly of Cedar county but now a resident of Davenport, who for years served as county supervisor; Fred W., deceased, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume; Minnie, the deceased wife of Frank Thoene, also deceased; Julius, residing in Muscatine county; and O. W., of this review.

Upon his father's farm in Muscatine county O. W. Schiele spent the days of his boyhood. His education was limited to that afforded by the district schools. He was twenty-seven years of age when, in 1880, he came to Cedar county, where he owned eighty acres of land. He resolutely set to work to cultivate and improve this property, and the good crops which he gathered enabled him in time to purchase other land. He carried on farming and also continued to invest in property until he is now the owner of eight hundred and eighty acres, including what is known as the Prairie Bovine Stock Farm. He operates four hundred and eighty acres of his land himself and rents the remainder. He is successfully as well as extensively engaged in general farming and cattle-raising and feeding, and in all departments of farm work his knowledge is practical and his labors remunerative. He lives in a home adjoining the corporation limits

O. W. Schiele

Mrs. O. W. Schiele

of Durant, which he erected in 1901 and which could not be replaced for ten thousand dollars. In addition to his farming interests he is a stockholder and director of the Durant Savings Bank.

On April 22, 1880, Mr. Schiele was married to Miss Clara Paul, and unto them was born a daughter, Ida, a young lady now at home. For his second wife Mr. Schiele chose Miss Anna E. Hartz, a daughter of Marx H. Hartz, and they were married January 19, 1892. As previously stated theirs is one of the beautiful homes of this section of the county. Large and commodious, it is built in modern style of architecture, has a complete water system, supplying both hard and soft water to the house which is piped hot and cold to the different rooms. The home is heated by furnace and is most tastefully furnished, while the grounds are a fitting environment for so attractive a residence.

In his political views Mr. Schiele has always been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has served as school director but otherwise has filled no public office. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge at Durant and enjoys the warm regard of his brethren of the fraternity, and this is not to be marveled at as he wins friends wherever he goes, owing to his genial, jovial nature, his kindly disposition and his respect for the opinions of others. In business affairs he has manifested keen discrimination, clear insight and unfaltering sagacity, has not been afraid of industry and by the intelligent direction of his labors has reached a position among the most prosperous agriculturists of Cedar county.

GEORGE F. THEDE.

The name of Thede is one of the honored designations in Cedar county and especially in Farmington township, where the family is so well and so favorably known. Among the younger members of this family is George F. Thede, who was born in Muscatine county, Iowa, April 11, 1873, but has spent the most of his life in this county. He is the son of Juergen Thede, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work, and Maria Catherine (Broders) Thede. According to the universal custom in farming districts, he received his early education in the country schools and there evinced a taste for further study which led to his attendance at the Normal Scientific Academy, of Wilton, Iowa. He was an apt student and undoubtedly could have attained success had he devoted himself to higher education.

On leaving school Mr. Thede entered the real-estate business at Wilton, continuing for two years and handling Texas and Oklahoma lands. The atmosphere of business did not prove congenial to a young man who had been reared under the blue skies and amid the inspiring scenes of the farm. Accordingly he retired from the real-estate field and began farming and later came into possession of one hundred and sixty acres of the old homestead. His farm is one of the richest in the township and possesses a complete outfit of buildings which show good taste and practical judgment. Mr. Thede

has been prosperous as a general farmer, but during recent years he has acquired a herd of registered shorthorn cattle and also a herd of registered Duroc Jersey swine, and it is his intention to make a specialty of these breeds, for which there is a constantly growing demand. There is every probability that he will build up an excellent reputation as a breeder of fine stock.

On May 25, 1898, Mr. Thede was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Leth, of Cedar county, a daughter of Henry Leth, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Two children have blessed this union, Vernon McKinley and Estella Augusta.

Mr. Thede ever since he arrived at his majority has supported the republican party as the one whose principles best represent the advancing demands of the age, and while he has not sought public office, he freely assists friends who desire to participate in its honors. Socially he is a highly popular man wherever he is known and is a member of the Knights of Pythias. Established in a comfortable home, the head of a happy family and successfully engaged in a business for which he is eminently adapted, the subject of this review has gained recognition as one of the enterprising farmers of the county and the respect of the people of the neighborhood.

AULEY P. HEMMINGWAY.

Auley P. Hemmingway, a highly respected and prosperous agriculturist, residing on section 34, Gower township, owns six hundred and forty acres of Cedar county land in connection with his brother, Albert N., and has been extensively engaged in the stock business for the past third of a century. His birth occurred in Iowa township, this county, on the 2d of May, 1851, his parents being Eleazer and Maria (Negus) Hemmingway, both of whom were natives of Columbiana county, Ohio. The paternal grandparents, James and Hope (Mallsbury) Hemmingway, removed to Johnson county, Iowa, in 1855 and there the latter passed away at an advanced age. The grandfather died in South Dakota when in his ninety-sixth year. Their children were eleven in number, as follows; John, Joseph, Isaac, James, Benjamin, David, Jane, Abbie, Sarah, Elizabeth and Eleazer. Shedlock and Marian Negus, the maternal grandparents of our subject, came to Cedar county, Iowa, from Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1846 and spent the remainder of their lives here. Unto them were born the following children: Elisha, Elwood, Albert, Rebecca, Sarah, Maria, Esther and Lavina.

Eleazer and Maria (Negus) Hemmingway came to this county with their respective parents in the '40s. In October, 1853, they removed to Cedar township, Johnson county, and there resided on a farm until the spring of 1883, when they returned to Springdale township, Cedar county. Mrs. Maria Hemmingway was one of the first school teachers in Iowa township, this county, presiding over a little log schoolhouse. Muscatine was the nearest market at that time and there were no railroads to facilitate travel. Auley P. Hemmingway, whose name introduces this review, was the eldest of a family of five children, the

RESIDENCE OF O. W. SCHIELE

others being as follows: Albert N., a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work; Martha, the wife of C. G. Swofford, of South Dakota; Ida, who died at the age of fifteen months; and Israel E., of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Auley P. Hemmingway, who was but two years of age when taken to Johnson county by his parents, there continued to reside until 1882. In that year he returned to his native county, settling in Springdale township, where he made his home until 1893, since which time he has lived in Gower township. The pursuits of farming and stock-raising have always claimed his time and energies and have proven a gratifying source of remuneration to him. In association with his brother, Albert N., he owns seven eighty-acre tracts in Gower township, all in one body, and also has another farm of eighty acres a half mile south, in Springdale township. There are three sets of good buildings on the property, which in its neat and thrifty appearance indicates the careful supervision of a practical and progressive owner. During the past third of a century Mr. Hemmingway has been principally engaged in the stock business, buying and feeding cattle, hogs and Percheron horses and shipping them to the Chicago market. Alert, enterprising and energetic, he has met with success in his undertakings and is well entitled to a place among the substantial and representative citizens of the county.

On the 30th of January, 1878, Mr. Hemmingway was united in marriage to Miss Lydia E. Adams, who was born in Johnson county, Iowa, November 18, 1858, her parents being Monroe and Sophia (Dudley) Adams, natives of Ohio and New York respectively. The father passed away at the home of our subject in 1908, when seventy-nine years of age, but the mother still survives at the age of seventy-eight years and is a member of Mr. Hemmingway's household. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hemmingway were born two daughters: Irene, who died at the age of twelve years; and Mabel, who passed away when two years old.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Hemmingway has supported the men and measures of the republican party and for three years he capably served as trustee of Gower township. In his business career he has been straightforward and reliable and counts among his many friends all those who acknowledge and appreciate genuine personal worth.

FRED C. RICHMANN.

Fred C. Richmann, a well known and highly esteemed resident of Lowden, is numbered among the worthy native sons of Cedar county, his birth having here occurred on the 5th of August, 1865. His father, William Richmann, is mentioned at greater length on another page of this volume in connection with the sketch of William C. Richmann, a brother of our subject. Fred C. Richmann attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education and remained at home until the death of his parents. He then purchased the interest of the other heirs in the old homestead farm and still owns one hundred and fifty acres of rich and productive land in Springfield township. Since retiring from active business life he has leased the property and now resides in Lowden with his brother, William C.

In 1902, in this county, Mr. Richmann was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Debner, a native of Germany. A sketch of her parents will be found in the biography of Richard Debner, which appears on another page of this work. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Richmann died at the age of three months and the mother was called to her final rest on the 19th of April, 1903.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Richmann has supported the men and measures of the republican party. He is now capably serving his fellow townsmen in the position of road supervisor and at one time acted as a school director. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Evangelical church. Having lived in Cedar county from his birth to the present time, he enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance within its borders.

ANTON F. HOLTKE.

Anton F. Holtke is the owner of an excellent farm of two hundred and thirty acres in Springfield township and the property is the indication of his life of well directed thrift and energy, for he started out empty-handed. Placing his dependence upon the substantial qualities of energy and determination, he has gradually worked his way upward and is now the owner of a splendidly improved property. He was born in the village of Wietersheim, in the state of Westforhlen, Germany, September 20, 1842, a son of Anton F. and Mary Holtke, who were also natives of the same country but are now deceased. The mother died during the childhood of her son Anton and the father passed away in 1893 at the age of seventy-eight years.

The youthful days of Anton F. Holtke were spent in his native country and at the age of twenty-three years he came to America, landing at New York on the 2d of October, 1865. He acquired a good education in the schools of Germany and afterward attended night school in Indianapolis, Indiana, to which city he made his way immediately after his arrival in the new world. The following winter he attended school in Greene county, Indiana, pursuing his studies in the day sessions and doing chores on a farm night and morning for his board. He afterward worked for wages upon the same farm for two years and eight months and then went to Indianapolis, where he entered the employ of a transfer company, with which he remained for two years.

The winter of 1870 witnessed the arrival of Mr. Holtke in Cedar county. He was married in the same year to Miss Sophia Wobking, a native of Germany, who came to this country about the same time Mr. Holtke crossed the Atlantic. They had been acquaintances in their native land and renewed their acquaintance in this country, their friendship being ultimately consummated in marriage. Upon their arrival in Cedar county Mr. Holtke engaged in farming on rented land but economy and industry at length brought him sufficient capital to enable him in 1878 to purchase ninety acres of the farm upon which he now resides. He had previously rented this for two years and at the time of his purchase he bent his energies with renewed effort to the further development and improvement of the property. To this he has added from time to time until

he now owns two hundred and thirty acres, in the midst of which he has erected a large barn and outbuildings, furnishing ample shelter for grain and stock. He has also remodeled the house, making it modern and convenient. His farm and fields are completely surrounded by wire fences which he has built and he utilize the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Holtke were born six children: Charles, William, Frederick, Anton, August and Hermann. Three of the number have not been heard from for some years, the two eldest having gone to the Klondike gold fields. The wife and mother died in 1900, at the age of fifty-eight years, and in 1902 Mr. Holtke wedded Mrs. Sophia Cassier, the widow of Henry Cassier and a daughter of Henry Rixe, of Cedar county.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Holtke are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church and he belongs to Wheatland Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He is loyal to the teachings of both organizations and enjoys the high regard of his brethren in both. His is a creditable record, characterized by faithfulness to duty in every relation of life, and he certainly deserves much credit for what he has accomplished since coming to the new world without capital as a young man of twenty-three years. Here he found the opportunities he sought and in their improvement has gained for himself a position among the substantial agriculturists of the county.

FRANCIS BELL.

Francis Bell, whose demise occurred on the 16th of February, 1903, was actively identified with the agricultural interests of Cedar county for more than a third of a century, owning a quarter section of valuable land in Inland township. He was born in the town of Washington, Washington county, Pennsylvania, on the 4th of July, 1818, and in early manhood went to Monroe county, Ohio, in which state his parents passed away. The father was an agriculturist by occupation and our subject assisted in the work of the home farm. Subsequently he learned carpentering and worked at that trade in a shipyard on the Ohio river, while later he acted for some years as steamship carpenter on a boat that plied the waters of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. He then took up his abode near Perrysville, Indiana, and there resided for five years, devoting his attention to farming.

In 1868 Mr. Bell came to Cedar county, Iowa, arriving in Inland township in the spring of that year. He had made the journey from Indiana in company with his son Albert, driving across the country with a wagon and two-horse team. A few weeks later the other members of his family came here by train. Mr. Bell purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Inland township and began its further cultivation and improvement, there carrying on general agricultural pursuits until the time of his death. His labors in this connection were attended with a gratifying measure of success and he was long numbered among the substantial and esteemed citizens of the community. The home farm is still in possession of his two daughters, Sarah and Mary.

On the 18th of September, 1845, in Monroe county, Ohio, Mr. Bell was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Thompson, whose birth occurred in 1815. Her parents were farming people of Belmont county, Ohio. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bell were born five children, namely: Edward, who is deceased; Albert, now a resident of Oregon; Sarah, living in Bennett; George A., who has also passed away; and Mary H., who likewise makes her home in Bennett. The wife and mother was called to her final rest on the 18th of November, 1895.

Mr. Bell exercised his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, being a firm believer in its principles. He ably served in the capacity of road supervisor but was not an office seeker in the commonly accepted sense of the term. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. His was an earnest and consistent Christian life, characterized by stern integrity and honesty of purpose, and he left to his family the priceless heritage of a good name, for his record was not sullied by any unworthy or questionable act.

WILLIAM H. STANLAKE.

The life record of William H. Stanlake began on the 25th of June, 1860, and Massillon township was the place of his birth. He has since lived in Cedar county and has gained a place among the representative farmers of Dayton township, his home being on section 1, where he is busily engaged in the cultivation of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres. His father, Robert Stanlake, was a native of England and spent the period of his minority in that land. When a young man, however, he sought the opportunities and privileges of the new world and established his home in Cuyahoga county, Ohio. There he was married to Miss Mary Gibson, a native of Scotland, who was born at St. Andrews. He devoted his life to farming in the Buckeye state for a few years and then removed westward to Iowa, entering land and becoming one of the early settlers of Benton county. He afterward removed to Cedar county and bought two hundred and forty acres in Massillon township. The railroads were not built at that time and he hauled lumber from Muscatine in order to erect his buildings, which were of a substantial character. He developed his property into a good farm, equipped with modern conveniences, and upon that place he reared his family. The years chronicled his success, for he worked persistently and diligently and in the course of time became one of the prosperous agriculturists of the community. In 1901 he rented the farm to his son and removed to Clarence, where he purchased a home, occupying it until his death, which occurred on the 22d of December, 1904. His wife survived him and died June 22, 1907. Their family numbered three sons: Alonzo, a resident of Clarence; William H., of this review; and Thomas, who is living in Clarence.

William H. Stanlake was reared on the old home farm and acquired his education in the common schools. He remained with his father until he had attained his majority and then, starting out in life on his own account, was

MR. AND MRS. W. H. STANLAKE

united in marriage, on the 28th of January, 1882, to Miss Hattie B. Rogers, who was born near Amboy, Illinois, and in her childhood days was brought to Cedar county, Iowa. Her father was Jacob Rogers, who settled in Massillon township.

Mr. Stanlake rented land in Massillon and Dayton townships for several years and in 1901 returned to his father's farm, which he cultivated for seven years. At the end of that time he bought a farm of two hundred acres, for which he paid one hundred and twelve and a half dollars per acre. After three years he sold this at one hundred and fifty dollars per acre, and in 1910 he purchased his present farm southwest of Clarence. He has prospered in his undertakings and closely studies the best methods of cultivating his fields and raising crops and annually gathers good harvests. He also finds a profitable source of income in his stock-raising, handling cattle which he sells off the pasture and also fattening a large number of hogs each year. For seven years he resided in Clarence, doing anything which came to hand, but his life has practically been devoted to general agricultural pursuits and he has labored successfully in this connection.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stanlake have been born nine children, five sons and four daughters: Robert L., a resident farmer of this county; Mary E., at home; William J. and Elmer C., who have started out in life for themselves; Elma D.; Carrie B.; Charles F.; Marjorie N.; and Elwood Q.

Politcally a republican, Mr. Stanlake has never sought nor desired office and casts an independent ballot at local elections. He belongs to the Masonic lodge at Clarence and is also connected with the Modern Woodmen. His entire life has been passed in this county, where he is widely known as a practical and successful farmer and a man of good business ability, highly esteemed for his genuine personal worth and adherence to principles of honorable manhood.

JOSEPH KINGSBURY.

Cedar county finds a worthy representative in Joseph Kingsbury, who for more than a quarter of a century has been identified with its farming interests, in which line of activity his well directed efforts are meeting with substantial and merited success. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Luzerne county on the 18th of February, 1860, a son of Stephen and Catherine (Barney) Kingsbury, also natives of Luzerne county. The parents are both now deceased, the father passing away in Iowa township, Cedar county, April 28, 1876, at the early age of thirty-seven years, while the mother survived until the spring of 1893, her death occurring in Pierce City, Missouri. In their family were four children, of whom Joseph Kingsbury, of this review, is the eldest. The others are: Mary, the wife of Frank Cooper, of Pierce City, Missouri; Amanda; and Lorenzo, who passed away in New York city, where he had engaged as a steam-fitter.

Joseph Kingsbury was a lad of thirteen years when, on the 17th of January, 1873, he arrived in Iowa with his parents, the family home being established in Iowa township, Cedar county. His education, commenced in the

schools of his native state, was completed in the schoools here, and in the fields at home he gained good practical knowledge of the best methods of carrying on farming, early becoming familiar with all the tasks that fall to the lot of the country lad. He remained upon the home farm with his parents until attaining his majority, when he took up farming on his own account and has since devoted himself to that occupation. In 1883 he purchased his first property, becoming the owner of eighty acres on section 33, and this tract formed the nucleus of his present excellent property. He at once began the cultivation of this farm with all the zeal and enthusiasm of young and ambitious manhood, and with the passing years was most successful in his undertaking, his prosperity enabling him from time to time to add to his original purchase, first a tract of sixty acres, then another of twenty acres, later forty acres and subsequently ten acres, until today his property holdings cover two hundred and ten acres located on sections 33 and 34, Iowa township, constituting as valuable a farm as can be found in this district. All the improvements upon the place have been instituted by Mr. Kingsbury and indicate a spirit of enterprise and thrift upon his part. His entire time and attention have been given to his agricultural pursuits with the exception of two years, from 1906 to 1908, when he was engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Tipton, and in the undertaking business at Bennett in connection with I. J. Hamiel, under the firm style of Kingsbury & Hamiel. Endowed by nature with good business ability and possessing those qualities so essential to success in the business world—industry, perseverance and diligence—he has, through the wise utilization of these talents and the opportunities which have come to him, worked his way upward until today he is ranked among the substantial and prosperous farmers of Iowa township.

It was on the 22d of February, 1882, that Mr. Kingsbury was united in marriage to Miss Ida Leonard, a native of Springdale township, born on the 17th of August, 1858, and a daughter of John and Lydia (Rummels) Leonard. Unto this union have been born four children, namely: Leonard, a graduate of the electrical department of the State Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa, now making his home in Chicago, Illinois; Howard, Everett and Agnes, all at home.

Mr. Kingsbury has become widely known throughout Cedar county in political and fraternal circles, being a member of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 24, A. F. & A. M., of Rochester, and also of the Royal Arch chapter at Tipton. He has been identified with the Masonic body since twenty-one years of age and is the second oldest member of the lodge at the present time, while for ten years he served as master. In politics he has been a stanch advocate of democratic principles since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and has ever been an active worker in behalf of that party organization, serving as delegate to various county and state conventions. He has twice been a candidate for the office of county supervisor, and something of his popularity among his fellow citizens is indicated by the fact that at one time, although the district is strongly republican, he lacked only one vote of being elected to the office of county treasurer. Public-spirited and loyal in his citizenship, he has ever cast his influence on the side of improvement, reform and advancement, and has

ever labored for the good of the state, which recognizes him as one of her worthy citizens. Progress and advancement have ever been the keynote to his success and he was the first resident of Iowa township to purchase an automobile, becoming the owner of one in 1904. He is a man of many sterling characteristics, and that he possesses those qualities which inspire respect and esteem is indicated by the fact that during his residence in Iowa township he has gained a circle of friends which is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

FREDERICK H. DIRCKS.

Frederick H. Dircks, who is busily engaged in the operation of his fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Springfield township, was born in the province of Westphalia, Germany, on the 17th of June, 1862. His parents, Frederick and Christina (Finke) Dircks, are likewise natives of that country, the former born on the 22d of September, 1832, and the latter on the 3d of June, 1832. In 1868 they emigrated to the United States, the father securing employment as a gardener in New York city, where he remained for nine months. On the expiration of that period he brought his family to Cedar county, Iowa, and here began work as a farm hand, being thus engaged for seven years. At the end of that time he had accumulated sufficient capital to enable him to buy one hundred and twenty acres of land, while subsequently, by an additional purchase of eighty acres, he extended the boundaries of his farm to include two hundred acres. With the assistance of his sons he successfully operated the place until 1900, when he sold the property and took up his abode in Holland, Iowa, there remaining for five years. In 1905 he purchased an attractive and commodious residence in Lowden and here he and his wife have since lived retired, enjoying the fruits of their former toil in well earned ease. Their marriage was celebrated in Germany in 1857 and their children are five in number, as follows: Frederick H., of this review; Christine, who is the wife of William C. Richmann; Henry, a resident of Clarence, Iowa; Louisa, who gave her hand in marriage to Henry Reents, of Holland, Iowa; and William, who follows farming near Clarence, Iowa.

Frederick H. Dircks, who was a little lad of six years when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world, obtained his education in the district schools of this county. When not busy with his text-books and until the time of his marriage he assisted his father in the work incident to the operation of the home farm, thus early gaining practical knowledge of the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. On establishing a home of his own he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land adjoining his father's farm, improved the place and has there carried on his agricultural interests continuously since. He has brought his land to a high state of cultivation and, bending his energies toward raising the best quality of cereals possible, annually gathers and markets good crops.

In 1885 Mr. Dircks was united in marriage to Miss Annie M. Richmann, a daughter of William Richmann and a sister of William C. and Fred Richmann, who are mentioned on another page of this volume. Unto our subject and his wife have been born six children, five of whom still survive, namely: Carl, whose natal day was March 11, 1886; Emil, born September 11, 1887, who wedded Miss Freda Reinking and resides in Lowden; Lena, whose birth occurred on the 19th of August, 1889; Eliza, who first opened her eyes to the light of day on the 10th of February, 1894; and Luanna, whose birth occurred April 30, 1900. All are still under the parental roof with the exception of Emil. Frederick W., who was born December 16, 1891, met death by drowning on the 1st of August, 1909, when in his eighteenth year.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Dircks has supported the men and measures of the democracy and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to several positions of public trust. He has served as constable, acted as assessor for a period of six years and now holds the office of township trustee. The cause of education likewise finds in him a stanch champion and he has done valuable service in its behalf as a school director. He acts as an elder in the Evangelical church, to which his wife and children also belong. Cedar county has remained his home for more than four decades and his record has ever been in harmony with those things which go to make up honorable and upright manhood.

HENRY F. MEIER.

The well kept fields of Henry F. Meier indicate that his life is one of industry and enterprise, his entire time and attention being devoted to the further development and improvement of his farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 31, Massillon township. For twenty-eight years he has been a resident of Cedar county and is numbered among the worthy citizens that the fatherland has furnished to the new world. His birth occurred in Hanover, Germany, December 21, 1860, his parents being Dicek and Wilhelmina (Elmhorst) Meier, who were also natives of that country. The father came to the new world in 1884 and here joined his son. Later he purchased the farm on which Henry F. Meier now resides.

The youthful days of Henry F. Meier were passed in Hanover and he was educated in the German tongue. Favorable reports reached him concerning the new world and its opportunities and awakened in him a desire to try his fortune on this side of the Atlantic. Accordingly he came to the United States in 1880, when but nineteen years of age, and made his way direct to Cedar county, settling first at Lowden. He worked by the month as a farm hand for two or three years, but desirous that his labors should more directly benefit himself, he rented land which he cultivated for three years. He then bought the eighty acre farm upon which he now resides and at once began its further development and improvement. He added to and remodeled the house, built a good barn, also two double corn cribs, a chicken house and hog house. The build-

ings are all kept in a state of good repair and indicate the watchful interest of the owner. He has also planted an orchard and set out shade trees, and after some years he purchased eighty acres additional, so that his farm now comprises one hundred and sixty acres, all in one body. Its location on section 31, Massillon township, makes Clarence his nearest market place. In addition to tilling the soil he feeds stock, fattening a large number of hogs each year, selling the cattle off the pasture and also raising some good horses. He carefully watches all the branches of his business and notes every indication pointing to success. As the years have passed he has prospered and his labors have gained him a place among the substantial residents of this part of the county.

On the 7th of March, 1890, Mr. Meier was married in Clarence to Miss Eleanora Blome, a native of Prussia, Germany. Unto them have been born six children: Minnie, William, Paulina, George, Clara and Ardelia. The family attend the German Evangelical church at Clarence, in which the parents hold membership, and Mr. Meier has also been a member of the Modern Woodmen Camp for sixteen years. He votes with the democracy, has served as director of schools and for four years has filled the office of superintendent of roads. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the United States, for here he found the opportunities which he sought and which, by the way, are always open to ambitious, energetic young men. In their improvement he has made steady advancement and has gained a creditable success.

LEWIS WENDT.

Active and enterprising, Lewis Wendt, a farmer living on section 36, Dayton township, is meeting with well merited prosperity in his undertaking and a farm of one hundred and sixty-three acres, which lies both in Dayton and Massillon townships, pays tribute to the care and labor which he bestows upon it. He has a strong attachment for Cedar county inasmuch as he is one of her native sons and has spent his entire life here.

His birth occurred in Massillon township, July 20, 1872. His father, John Henry Wendt, was born and reared in Germany and was there married to Miss Margaretta Deifer, also a native of that country. Attracted by the broader business opportunities of the new world, he came to the United States and spent a few years in Illinois. He afterward came to Cedar county, Iowa, settling in Massillon township as one of the early residents there. Upon the farm which he secured and developed he reared his family and later removed to Lowden, where he now makes his home. He has attained the age of eighty-two years, while his wife is seventy-nine years of age.

The youthful days of Lewis Wendt were spent on the old homestead farm, and his early training made him familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. In early manhood he was employed at farm labor for seven or eight years and thus made his start in life. As a companion and helpmate on life's journey he chose Carolina Rixe, a daughter of

Dietrick Rixe, who was one of the pioneer settlers of Cedar county. She was reared and educated in this county and in Springfield township on the 15th of February, 1895, was married.

Mr. Wendt had previously purchased land and at the time of his marriage took up his abode thereon. As the years passed he not only cultivated the fields but also made the substantial improvements which are regarded as essential features of the model farm. He erected a large residence built in the modern style of architecture, also built two good barns, a double crib and a tool house. He put up a wind pump and has plenty of water for all purposes. His fields annually return good crops and in addition to this he makes a specialty of raising hogs. He likewise sells cattle off the pasture and also raises good horses. In addition to his cultivable land he has purchased five acres of timber land.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wendt have been born eight children: Hugo, Ernest, Elma, Herman, Zelma and Lydia, all of whom are yet living; and they have lost two, Fred and Carolina, who died in infancy. The parents hold membership in the German Evangelical Lutheran church and in his political views Mr. Wendt is a democrat. He has served on the school board but otherwise has held no public office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He is a well known farmer of Cedar county and has demonstrated his keen business ability and sagacity. In all business transactions he is thoroughly reliable and enjoys the confidence and esteem of the community in large measure.

HENRY HEINER.

Henry Heiner, an honored citizen of Cedar county, who is now living retired after many years devoted to agricultural pursuits, was born near Cassel, Germany, on the 28th of November, 1823, and was reared and educated in his native land, where prior to his emigration to America he served in the army for a time. It was in 1851 that he crossed the broad Atlantic and landed in Baltimore, Maryland, whence he made his way at once to St. Louis, Missouri. There he secured employment as a teamster and was thus employed for about a year. At the end of that time he removed to Red Bud, Illinois, and there purchased a small tract of land, upon which a few improvements had already been made, and to its further development and cultivation he devoted his energies for about five years.

On selling that place Mr. Heiner came to Iowa and purchased one hundred and thirty acres of land in Clinton county, not far from Lowden. Upon the place were a log house and log outbuildings, but as time passed he improved the farm and continued to reside thereon for nine years. When the Northwestern Railroad built their tracks through that section they secured the right of way across his farm and he received orders to move his house, which he did, and in 1861 erected a new frame residence. In 1866 he sold that property, but prior to this time had purchased one hundred and fifty-two acres adjoining it on the south,

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and after selling the former tract in 1866 he bought forty acres adjoining the one hundred and fifty-two on the west in Cedar county. Upon the latter tract was a log house, in which he lived until the following fall, when a more modern and substantial residence was erected, this being a stone structure, comfortable and up-to-date in its appointments. There he made his home until his retirement from farming twenty-eight years ago. He also erected a good substantial barn and other outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock and in the cultivation of his land he met with most excellent success. In 1883, however, he sold the property to his son and now lives retired in Lowden, enjoying a well earned rest.

In 1853 Mr. Heiner was united in marriage to Mrs. Catherine Wensel, nee Weidling, and by that union three children were born, namely: Henry, a Lutheran minister now located in Lincoln, Nebraska; Charles, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume; and Anna, who is now the wife of Rev. Peter Speidel, of Buffalo, New York. The mother of these children passed away in 1896, at the age of seventy-three years. Mr. Heiner affiliates with the republican party and is an earnest and consistent member of the Evangelical church, to which his estimable wife also belonged.

ADNA P. ANDRE.

Among the residents of Linn township who devote their time and attention to farming and stock-raising with gratifying success is Adna P. Andre, whose home is on section 3 and who is regarded as one of the leading citizens of his community. One of Cedar county's native sons, he was born in the township where he still resides, November 3, 1855, his parents being Andrew and Nancy (Downing) Andre. His father was born in Pennsylvania, January 1, 1829, and was a young man on coming to the west with his father, John Andre, about 1840. Choosing Cedar county as his future home, he purchased land in Linn township and engaged in its operation for many years, owning at the time of his death one hundred and sixty acres of well improved and valuable land. In this county he married Miss Nancy Downing, whose birth occurred in Indiana, November 27, 1831. Her father, Preston Downing, was also a pioneer of Cedar county, having located here about 1841. The father of our subject died on the 29th of October, 1900, and the mother passed away May 14, 1902. They were the parents of five children, three sons and two daughters: Samuel, now a resident of Cedar Rapids; Amos, of Scranton, Greene county, Iowa; Melissa, the wife of John Heneks, a farmer of Linn township, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; and Lydia, the wife of Clem Heneks of Cedar Rapids.

Adna P. Andre, who completes the family, spent his boyhood and youth on the home farm, giving his father the benefit of his services until twenty-three years of age. He was then married in Pioneer township on the 28th of February, 1878, to Miss Barbara Kohl, a native of Linn county, Iowa, and a daughter of Simon Kohl, one of the pioneers of this state from Pennsylvania. This union has been blessed by six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Ray R., now a carpenter and joiner of Cedar county; Leo M., Melvin and Mar-

vin, who are all at home and assist in the operation of the farm; Catherine Esther, who was formerly engaged in teaching school but is now at home; and Lavina Pearl, who is still under the parental roof. The daughters are now engaged in dressmaking.

After his marriage Mr. Andre followed farming on rented land for some years but in 1891 purchased his present farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 3, Linn township, which at that time was only partially improved. He has since erected good and substantial buildings upon the place. He has a nice, two-story residence, three barns, a double crib and a good hog house. The farm is divided into fields of convenient size by a woven wire fence, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the place indicates the progressive spirit of the owner. In connection with general farming he follows stock-raising and fattens for the market from two to three carloads of hogs each year. Besides his farm he owns a twelve-acre tract of timber land on Cedar river.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Andre has been a stanch supporter of the democratic party and has taken quite an active and prominent part in public affairs. He has been especially interested in the schools of his community and for a time served as president of the school board, while at present he is secretary of the township schools. He has served for six consecutive years and two years at another time as assessor of his township and is now a candidate for reelection. He also filled the office of supervisor of roads in Pioneer township and later in Linn township and has been a delegate to the county conventions of his party. He served on the petit jury a number of times and has been found true to every trust reposed in him whether of a public or private nature. His official duties have always been most capably and acceptably discharged, and he is justly numbered among the most progressive and public-spirited citizens of his community.

H. J. DONAHUE.

H. J. Donahue, whose keen business discernment and unflagging enterprise find their visible proof in the splendid success which he has achieved, is now numbered among the wealthy residents of the county, having made extensive and judicious investment in real estate. He was born at Charleston Four Corners, Montgomery county, New York, June 10, 1860, a son of William and Mary Ann (Lydia) Donahue, who were natives of Ireland but were married in New York. The father worked as a farm hand in the Empire state up to the time of his marriage but became a substantial resident of the community, saving about three thousand dollars before he came west. On making his way to Cedar county he purchased eighty acres of land and later bought eighty acres adjoining, which he owned up to the time of his death together with a house in Bennett. He died eleven years ago at the age of sixty-three years, and his widow now resides in Bennett. They were the parents of four children: Thomas H., living at Red Oak, Montgomery county, Iowa; Eliza, the wife of D. O. Maise, of Cedar Rapids; John, a resident of Red Oak; and H. J., of this review.

Until seven years of age H. J. Donahue remained in the county of his nativity and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Cedar county, Iowa, the family home being established on York Prairie in 1867. Upon the old homestead farm Mr. Donahue of this review was reared, remaining with his parents until twenty-four years of age. His education was acquired in the district schools and the first team which he ever handled was an ox-team. In his youthful days he assisted in driving hogs to Clarence, where they sold for two dollars and thirty-five cents per hundred. There were no railroads in Tipton when he came here, and the father hauled grain to Davenport, where he sold wheat for forty-five cents per bushel. He had five men to whom he paid three dollars per day to bind grain by hand. Mr. Donahue has lived to witness remarkable changes in the methods of farming. The farmer no longer trudges behind plow or harrow, performing his work in much greater comfort while riding upon a plow. He continued at home until twenty-four years of age, when he purchased a farm of eighty acres adjoining his father's in Fairfield township. Later he extended its boundaries by the purchase of adjoining land in Center township, becoming the owner of a quarter section there. He has from time to time further invested in farm property until his holdings are very extensive. He is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres in Brookings county, South Dakota; seven hundred acres in Spink county, South Dakota; six hundred and forty acres in Minnehaha county, South Dakota; eighty acres in Hughes county, South Dakota; one hundred and sixty acres in Center township, Cedar county, Iowa; eighty acres in Springfield township, this county; and one hundred and twenty acres in Montgomery county. While upon the farm he engaged very extensively in stock-raising and in general farming, having two hundred acres planted to corn at one time. He made a specialty of raising cattle and found that a profitable source of income. He resided upon the home farm until September, 1904, when he came to Tipton and purchased his present fine residence on Seventh street. He has been engaged in the real-estate business here in connection with E. H. Downing under the firm name of Downing & Donahue, and he is also a stockholder in the Farmers & Merchants Savings Bank of Tipton.

On the 17th of December, 1884, Mr. Donahue was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Stephens, who was born in Center township, this county, in 1861, and is a daughter of James T. and Harriet (Hart) Stephens. Her father was born October 16, 1820, in Somerset county, New Jersey, and her mother's birth occurred November 29, 1821, in Hamilton county, Ohio. They were married March 3, 1841, and came to Iowa in 1856. The death of Mr. Stephens occurred February 2, 1877. He resided on a farm in Inland township until his death, after which his widow removed to Davenport, while her last days were spent with a daughter at Western, Iowa, where she died about eight years ago. In their family were eleven children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Donahue have been born four children: Ethel, now the wife of Guy Wright, who resides on her father's farm in Center township and by whom she has one child, Ronald Raymond; Glenn, who died at the age of eighteen months; Wilber, at home; and Raymond.

The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Donahue is serving as a trustee. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, but he has never sought nor desired office, always preferring to devote his attention to his business affairs, which capably managed have brought him success. It is not that his opportunities have been greater than those which have come to others, for he was reared as most of the boys are upon the frontier of Iowa, but, closely applying himself to the work in hand and thoroughly investigating every business situation, he has been enabled to purchase property and make his investments in such a manner that his labors have been attended with gratifying success.

NORRIS WILSON.

Norris Wilson, owning and operating an excellent farm of one hundred and forty acres on section 31, Springdale township, is likewise prominently identified with the financial interests of Cedar county as the president of the Downey Savings Bank. His birth occurred in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, on the 16th of April, 1865, his parents being Thomas and Mary (Eves) Wilson, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state. The father still resides in Pennsylvania, while the mother, who also spent her entire life in that state, was called to her final rest in 1901 when sixty-six years of age. They reared a family of four children, as follows: J. F., who lives three miles west of Downey, in Johnson county; J. M., who passed away in 1904 and who owned a farm of three hundred and twenty acres three miles south of Downey; Norris, of this review; and Francis H., who resides with his father in Pennsylvania.

Norris Wilson spent the first twenty-nine years of his life on the home farm with his parents and in 1894 came to Iowa, locating in Johnson county, three miles west of his present home. He has resided in this part of the state continuously since and has devoted his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits with excellent results. After arriving in Iowa he worked as a farm hand by the month for one year and then gave his attention to the cultivation of rented land until 1903. In that year he bought a tract of one hundred and forty acres on section 31, Springdale township, and has been busily engaged in its operation to the present time. The property is situated a half mile west of Downey and is lacking in none of the improvements and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate Mr. Wilson raises high grade stock of all kinds and has met with success in both branches of his business. He assisted in the organization of the Downey Savings Bank, has been one of its directors since 1903 and for the past three years has acted as president of the institution.

On the 30th of September, 1894, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Haymen, who was born in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, in January, 1868, her father being Peter Haymen. Mr. Wilson has a nephew, Leland Eyer, who has resided with him for the past seven years, and a sister-in-law, Ila Haymen, also makes her home with him.

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In politics Mr. Wilson is a republican and he is now ably discharging the duties devolving upon him in the capacity of township clerk. He belongs to the Friends church in Pennsylvania, having joined the denomination in early life. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at West Liberty and the Woodmen of the World at Downey, and is likewise a worthy exemplar of the Masonic order, belonging to the blue lodge at West Branch and the chapter at Iowa City. He has gained a large circle of friends which is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances, and his salient characteristics are such as have won for him the unqualified respect, esteem and good will of his fellowmen.

ERNST RIXE.

Ernst Rixe, a progressive and prosperous farmer of Springfield township, Cedar county, is a representative of a family that, like many another that has come from across the water, sought the opportunities of the new world that advancement might be made in business lines and better advantages given to the members of the household. He came to this country from Germany, his birth occurring in Hanover on the 28th of January, 1852. His father, Fred Rixe, was also born in that country, on the 20th of October, 1816, and was there reared to manhood. He married Sophia Debner, also a native of Hanover, born January 18, 1818, and while still residents of the fatherland they became the parents of six children, all of whom are yet living, namely: Louise, the wife of Fred Conrad, of Lowden; Deidrick, of Springfield township; Fred, also of that township; Ernst, of this review; Minnie, the wife of Kossuth Pauls, of Lowden; and Lena, who married Henry Miller and resides in Springfield township. The two eldest children, Louise and Deidrick, came to the United States in 1865, and two years later the father and the rest of the family also sought a home in this country. Fred Rixe located upon the place which is now the home of his son Ernst, for which he paid one thousand dollars. He became the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land, which was but slightly improved, but with characteristic energy he set about its cultivation and later developed a valuable farm. He devoted his entire time and attention to farming and with the passing years became one of the successful and well-to-do men of his section. He passed away on the 6th of May, 1885, his wife surviving him until June 6, 1898, when she was called to her final rest.

Ernst Rixe, whose name introduces this review, spent the first fifteen years of his life in his native country and acquired his education in the common schools of Germany. He came to America in 1867 with his parents, with whom he lived during the remainder of their lives, and at the death of his father inherited eighty acres of the old homestead in Cedar county, upon which he yet resides. He has since been able, however, to add to this farm until today he owns two hundred and fifty acres of valuable land which responds in abundant harvests to the care and attention bestowed upon it. Upon the farm he has erected a new and attractive residence, has built two good barns and substantial outbuildings, and the place is lacking in none of those accessories and con-

veniences which constitute the equipment of a model farm. Indeed progress may be termed one of his most salient characteristics, and his well directed efforts and intelligently applied labor are accomplishing gratifying results.

In Springfield township, on the 28th of April, 1877, occurred the marriage of Mr. Rixe and Miss Louise Richmann, a native of Randolph county, Illinois, where she was born October 13, 1853. Her father, William Richmann, who was born in Westphalen, Germany, came to the United States as a young man and was for a few years a resident of St. Louis. Later he engaged in farming in Randolph county, Illinois, and in 1857 came to Cedar county, locating in Springfield township, where he acquired considerable wealth. He passed away in this county at the age of eighty-two years. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Christine Penningroth, was also a native of Germany and her death occurred in Springfield township, Cedar county, at the age of fifty-one years. In their family were twelve children, of whom the eldest died in infancy. The others are: Sophia, the widow of Fred Penningroth; Mrs. Rixe; William, who lives in Lowden; Henry, of Oelwein, Iowa; Annie, the wife of Fred Dircks, of Springfield township; Charles, who passed away at the age of thirty-four years; Fred, of Springfield township; Lena and Emma, twins, the former the wife of Henry Rodenbeck, of Springfield township, and the latter who passed away when eighteen years old; Emil, who resides in California; and Lizzie, who wedded Chris Schoff and makes her home in Springfield township. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Rixe were seven children, but of this number, Henry, the eldest, is now deceased. He married Emma Bushing. The surviving members are Annie, Liddie, Lizzie, Carl, Freda and Clara, all yet at home.

Mr. Rixe and his family hold membership in the Evangelical church of Lowden and occupy a prominent position in the social circles of the community, their home being a favorite resort with their many friends and acquaintances. Fraternally Mr. Rixe is identified with the Modern Brotherhood of America, while in politics he gives his support to the republican party. The honors and emoluments of office, however, have no attraction for him, for his time is fully occupied by the conduct of his private interests and he has never had desire to figure prominently in public life. Quiet and unostentatious in manner, he is also kind in disposition and generous in thought, and well does he deserve the confidence, respect and good-will entertained for him by his fellow citizens.

DIETRICH DEBNER.

The pursuits of farming and stock-raising claim the time and energies of Dietrich Debner, who owns a well improved tract of land of one hundred and twenty acres in Springfield township. His birth occurred in Hanover, Germany, on the 24th of May, 1864, his parents being Dietrich and Louise (Hulsey) Debner, who were married in that country. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1870, coming direct to Cedar county, Iowa, where the father purchased forty acres of land. Subsequently, by an additional purchase of eighty acres, he extended the boundaries of his farm to include one hundred

and twenty acres and was actively and successfully engaged in its operation until called to his final rest. His wife died June 19, 1910, at the age of eighty years. Their children were seven in number, as follows: Rix, who is a resident of Calhoun county, Iowa; Louisa, the wife of Dick Focke, of Calhoun county; Lena, living in Chicago, Illinois; Sophia, the wife of Julius Michel, of Chicago, Illinois; Dietrich, of this review; Mary, who is the wife of Henry Dircks and lives near Clarence, Iowa; and Emma, at home.

Dietrich Debner, whose name introduces this review, was but six years of age when brought to the new world by his parents. In pursuit of an education he attended the district schools and also the German school at Lowden. After putting aside his text-books he assisted his father in the work incident to the operation of the home farm and following the latter's demise he purchased the interest of the other heirs therein. As before stated, the property embraces one hundred and twenty acres of valuable land in Springfield township, and the well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which is bestowed upon them. In connection with the tilling of the soil Mr. Debner also devotes considerable attention to the raising of stock, which branch of his business adds materially to his income.

Mr. Debner exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, believing firmly in its principles. He served in the capacity of road supervisor for a period of twelve years and proved himself an efficient and trustworthy official. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Evangelical church at Lowden. He enjoys a wide acquaintance in the community where almost his entire life has been spent and his many good qualities have won him the esteem and high regard of a large circle of friends.

CHARLES E. MATHER.

The name of Mather is closely associated with business activity in Springdale and the firm name of Mather Brothers—the partners being William and Charles E.—has come to be recognized as a synonym for straightforward and honorable dealing in every section of the county. Charles E. Mather was born near Salem in Mahoning county, Ohio, December 8, 1850, and arrived in Cedar county on the 27th of June, 1851, in company with his parents, of whom mention is made in connection with the sketch of William Mather on another page of this volume. The family homestead, about a mile and a quarter east of Springdale, constituted his playground in youth and his field of training for life's practical duties. At the usual age, he entered the public schools and after pursuing his studies in the district school near by, he attended the Springdale school.

In the winter of 1870 Mr. Mather began teaching and followed that profession with success until 1875. He spent one winter as teacher of the district school near his home and one winter in the Springdale graded school and then after an interval of a year engaged in teaching for two winters near Minneapolis, Minnesota. He also spent one term as a teacher in a graded school at

Bellevue, Iowa, and in November, 1876, joined his brother William in establishing and conducting a general mercantile store in Springdale. The business prospered from the beginning and was successfully carried on by them until January, 1896, when they disposed of their stock of general merchandise on account of ill health, retaining, however, the drug trade. They still own a drug store in Springdale.

In the fall of 1896 Charles E. Mather entered the law department of the State University at Iowa City and was graduated in 1898 with the LL. B. degree, since which time he has practiced his profession in Springdale. In connection with his brother William he also owns two hundred acres of land a half mile north of the village, together with a section of land in Perkins county, Nebraska. Charles E. Mather also has a section of land in Saskatchewan, Canada.

On the 13th of February, 1883, Mr. Mather wedded Miss Mary Knudson, who was born near Yorkville, Kendall county, Illinois, July 4, 1860, a daughter of Andrew Knudson. Their children are Edward K., Ralph Jesse, Charles Glenn, William J. and Kenneth Arza. The oldest son was graduated from the civil engineering department of Cornell College in 1905 and received the C. E. degree in 1906. The second son was graduated from Cornell College in 1909 and is now professor of English in the Methodist Episcopal College in Rome, Italy. Charles Glenn is a student in the Wesleyan University at Mitchell, South Dakota, and the two younger sons are pupils in the home school.

Mr. Mather has ever been a warm friend of the cause of education and has given his children excellent advantages in that direction. For nine years he served as president of the school board, having in charge the only high school outside of an incorporated town in the state of Iowa. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. He is a member of the Phi Delta Phi law fraternity of the State University. In his youth he joined the Society of Friends but in 1883 transferred his membership to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he has since been a loyal supporter. In his business career he has displayed versatility as well as enterprise and progressiveness and has thus succeeded in what he has undertaken.

HERBERT E. WORRALL.

Herbert E. Worrall, whose entire life has been spent within the borders of Cedar, his native county, is a representative of an old and honored pioneer family which was established here in 1854 by Nathaniel and Ann (Barnett) Worrall, the grandparents of our subject. They were born in Harrison county, Ohio, and came to Iowa in 1854, locating in Iowa township, Cedar county, where both passed away. In their family were eleven children, namely: George, a resident of California; John, of Iowa township; Thomas, who passed away in infancy; Jonathan and Sarah Gifford, both deceased; Eleanor, of Cedar Rap-

ids; Isaac, who died in infancy; Harriett King, of Columbus, Ohio; Elizabeth and Emily, who have both passed away; and Rebecca, who died in infancy.

Of this number John Worrall, who was born in Morgan county, Ohio, October 11, 1828, became the father of our subject. He left his native county in 1856, arriving in Cedar county, Iowa, in October of that year and has since made this his home. He is numbered among the early settlers of this region, and during his residence here has witnessed remarkable changes which have been wrought in the community as primitive customs have given way to modern methods and the progressive march of civilization has transformed it from a frontier district to rich and valuable farms. He is one of the very few old settlers still living to whom the incidents in the early life of the community are matters of personal experience and knowledge rather than of history, and his mind forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. He came to this section empty-handed but was actuated by a spirit of ambition and determination to succeed. He operated a rented farm for a number of years, during which time he carefully managed his affairs so that at length he was able to purchase a place of his own, becoming the owner of eighty acres, and from the beginning prosperity attended his efforts. He followed farming throughout his active business career and with the passing years added to his original holdings, purchasing a tract of eighty acres situated in Guthrie county. He has since, however, disposed of his property to his children and is now living in honorable retirement, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil. Energetic, industrious and persevering, his, nevertheless, has been the quiet life of a man whose interests have centered about his home and family, and his personal worth and sterling characteristics have won him the respect and high esteem of his fellowmen. He has been identified with the Methodist Episcopal church from early life, holding membership at the present time in the church at Springdale. A stanch advocate of republican principles since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, he has never, however, been an office seeker as a reward for party fealty. He was a personal acquaintance of John Brown and was present at Springdale when the latter held a sale of mules and wagons, which he was disposing of after a hasty trip from Kansas to Missouri. A man by the name of John Cole was auctioneer, and, not proving prompt enough in conducting the sale, his place was taken by Mr. Brown, who closed out the balance of the stock. One of the wagons was purchased by Gilbert Smith and was kept for many years as one of the pioneer vehicles of the locality. It was finally destroyed by fire when his barn was burned down.

It was in 1851 that John Worrall was united in marriage to Elizabeth Jane Berry, who was born in Belmont county, Ohio, September 6, 1829, but was reared and married in Morgan county, that state. She was a daugfihter of William and Martha (Pearson) Berry. Her father came to Iowa in 1854 on a prospecting trip, making the journey by way of the river, and here became ill with cholera and died. Unto Mr. and Mrs. John Worrall were born eight children, namely: Charles, who passed away at the age of twenty-two years; William, residing in Davenport, Iowa, where he is engaged in civil engineering; Antrom, who died in childhood; Elizabeth, who became the wife of William Morehead, of West Branch; George, a resident of Kansas City, Missouri;

Herbert E., of this review; Albert, who was drowned in the Cedar river when twelve years of age; and Hattie, who wedded Jack Boxley of Hobart, Oklahoma.

Herbert E. Worrall, whose name introduces this review, first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 28th of July, 1863, in Iowa township, and the period of his boyhood and youth was quietly spent on his father's farm amid the busy activities of rural life. During the summer months he assisted his father in the work of the farm, while the winter seasons were devoted to acquiring an education in the country schools near his home. That his early training was thorough and comprehensive, well fitting him for the practical and responsible duties that come with an independent career, is indicated by the prosperity which has attended him since starting out in the business world on his own account. He is now the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and ninety-six acres of land, situated on section 4, Iowa township, which under his careful management and wise direction has been brought under a high state of cultivation. The place is equipped with two sets of buildings and is supplied with all modern conveniences and accessories for facilitating farm labor, the majority of the improvements being the result of the thrift and energy of its present owner. He has made a close study of agriculture in its various phases and possesses the spirit of enterprise and progress which, directed by keen business sagacity and wise discernment, have been salient elements in winning for him the gratifying degree of prosperity which is today his.

On the 18th of July, 1888, Mr. Worrall was united in marriage to Miss Susan May Mensch, who was born in Muscatine county, Iowa, on the 3d of August, 1869, a daughter of John and Mary (Gephart) Mensch. The parents were natives of Pennsylvania and were early settlers of Cedar county, although they now make their home in Hobart, Oklahoma. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Worrall have been born five children, Della, Ruth, Charles, Theodore and Donald.

Having spent his entire life in Cedar county, Mr. Worrall has won a large circle of warm friends, which is almost coextensive with his circle of acquaintances. Although his has been the quiet, uneventful life of the farmer, he has, nevertheless, been true to his duties and obligations as a citizen, taking a deep interest in all that pertains to the growth and development of the community, and the high principles of manhood which have ever governed his dealings with his fellowmen have won for him the unqualified respect, confidence and goodwill of all with whom he has come in contact.

CHARLES N. AGNE.

The citizenship of Cedar county, Iowa, is largely composed of those who either had their nativity in the fatherland or trace their ancestry to German origin, and prominent among the latter class is numbered Charles N. Agne. He was born on a farm a quarter of a mile south of Buchanan, in Cass township, Cedar county, on the 1st of April, 1854, a son of Nicholas and Mary Magdaline (Laubscher) Agne, both natives of Bavaria, Germany. The Agne, Laubscher

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and Pfaff families were all neighbors in Germany and together emigrated to the United States, first locating in Ohio and later, in 1845, becoming residents of Cass township, this county, where they cast in their lots with the early settlers and assisted in the work of reclaiming the wild prairie lands for purposes of civilization.

Nicholas Agne was a young man of twenty-five years when he arrived in Ohio and was there married. Two years later he took up his abode in Cass township, Cedar county, where he continued to make his permanent home throughout his remaining years. In 1849, however, at the time of the gold excitement in California, he made the overland trip with ox-team and remained on the Pacific coast for two years. Returning by way of the isthmus route, he located on a half section of land in Cass township, and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits until his demise, which occurred on the 25th of June, 1884. His wife, who was born on the 30th of March, 1816, was eighteen years of age when, in 1834, she accompanied her parents to the new world, the family home being established near Canton, Darke county, Ohio. There she was united in marriage in 1839 to Nicholas Agne, and unto this union were born seven children, as follows: Jacob, deceased; Lena, the wife of Sam Kauffman, of Tipton; Henry, residing in Tipton; Charles N., of this review; William, making his home in Mount Vernon; Josephine, the deceased wife of Jacob Seitzsinger; and Emma, who wedded R. P. Stout, of Milford, Missouri. The mother was called to her final rest on the 23d of November, 1900, when she had reached the advanced age of eighty-four years.

Charles N. Agne remained under the parental roof until the time of his marriage, when he established his home on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, constituting a part of his present place, but he has since added forty acres, so that he now owns two hundred acres in one body, located on section 24, Cass township. The place is well named the Prairie View Stock Farm, for in the pastures are found fine grades of horses, Mr. Agne making a specialty of raising Shire horses. A portion of the land is devoted to general farming and he takes great pride in making his farm attractive in appearance. In addition to this farm he likewise owns three hundred and six acres in Hartley county, Texas.

Mr. Agne was married in 1884 to Miss Margaret D. Blattler, who was born in Johnson county, Iowa, April 23, 1862. Her parents, L. F. and Margaret (Fankhauser) Blattler, were natives of Switzerland and Ohio respectively, but the mother was of Swiss parentage. The father was brought to the United States by his parents during his infancy, their home being established in Ohio, where he was reared. He was married in the Buckeye state to Miss Fankhauser, in the year 1849. They eventually removed to Johnson county, Iowa, in 1855, but after a few years came to Cedar county and Mr. Blattler engaged in farming in Cass township until his death, which occurred December 7, 1892. The mother survived for several years and died October 5, 1903. In their family were nine children: Edward, who died in 1907; Emma, who died when twenty-one years old; Norman, who died in childhood; Abigail, the wife of John Baldwin, of Mount Vernon; Homer, a resident of Solon, Iowa; Margaret, now Mrs. Agne; Arthur, who resides in New Mexico; Charles, of White Lake, South Dakota;

and Mary, twin sister of Charles, who died at the age of five years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Agne has been born one son, Glen L., whose birth occurred on the farm May 31, 1885, and he now manages the place. He is a graduate of the Agricultural College at Ames.

Mr. Agne is a democrat in politics but at local elections votes independently. In former years he led a very active and useful life, but his persistent efforts have brought him a goodly competence and he is now able to spend much of his time in leisure, leaving the management of his farm to his son, who is an enterprising young man. The family is highly esteemed in the community which has so long been their home.

W. H. PHELPS.

That the life history of W. H. Phelps is a record of success is due to the persistent effort and intelligently directed industry which he displayed through the many years of his connection with the agricultural interests of Cedar county. One of Ohio's native sons, he was born in Salem on the 16th of November, 1845, a son of Henry and Phoebe (Knowles) Phelps, the former born in England and the latter in Ohio. They were married in the latter state and came to Iowa in the spring of 1850, the father here engaging in the occupation of farming until the opening of hostilities between the north and south, when he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of the Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. It was while on active duty that he met his death in St. Louis in 1862, laying down his life on the altar of his country. His wife passed away in Cedar county. In their family were seven children, who were as follows: W. H., of this review; Rhoda, the deceased wife of Rev. Miller; David, who has also passed away, leaving a family; Sarah, the wife of William Mills, of Ohio; Susan, residing in Chicago; Joseph, making his home in Downey, Cedar county; and Lydia, who passed away in childhood.

A little lad of five years when he came with his parents to Iowa, W. H. Phelps has therefore spent the greater part of his life in this state, and since that time, with the exception of ten years spent in Jones county, he has been a resident of Cedar county, with whose agricultural interests he has been closely identified for many years. In the district schools near his father's home he acquired his education and in the broader school of experience learned many lessons concerning the value of industry, perseverance and integrity. Reared to farming, he wisely chose that as his occupation when, upon attaining his majority, he entered the business world on his own account. His beginning was a small one but having early learned the lesson that success must be purchased at the price of earnest, well defined labor, he diligently applied himself and with the passing years his efforts have been crowned with substantial success. For about thirty years he has resided upon his present farm, consisting of over three hundred acres located on section 33, Iowa township, all highly cultivated and equipped with the latest improvements for facilitating

farm labor, while everything about the place indicates that he is in touch with the modern spirit of progress which is manifest in agricultural lines.

It was in 1865 that Mr. Phelps was united in marriage to Miss Susan Long, a native of Iowa township, where she was born in 1845, and a daughter of W. C. and Elizabeth (Cobert) Long. Unto this union have been born seven children, as follows: Gilbert H., at home; Stewart, a resident of Iowa township; Luther, also making his home with his parents; Augusta, the wife of Foster Maxon, of Iowa township; Alice, who wedded Harvey Horld, residing near Lone Tree, Iowa; and John and Orpha, yet under the parental roof.

Deeply interested in political affairs, Mr. Phelps has for many years been an active worker in the republican ranks, deeming the principles of that organization most conducive to good government. He has represented his party as a delegate at numerous county and state conventions and his fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to various township offices. He has for about fifteen years served as one of the township trustees, is now justice of the peace, which office he has filled for several terms, and is also one of the township committeemen. His appreciation of the responsibilities that have rested upon him in connection with public office and his promptness and faithfulness in the discharge of all duties in connection therewith, have made him a most acceptable incumbent, his services not only bringing credit to himself but honor to his constituents. Ever loyal to the best interests of Cedar county, he has always been found on the side of improvement, advancement, reform and progress, and these qualities have constituted him a most valuable citizen in the community where he has so long resided.

FRANK W. LEECH.

The management of business affairs in an effort to attain success largely constitutes life. The intelligent direction of effort forms the basis of success, and energy and perseverance more than assistance and favorable opportunity are the salient and indispensable elements of progress and prosperity. Recognizing these facts, Frank W. Leech has so labored that he has come to be widely known as a leading stock dealer and shipper of Cedar county, conducting his operations in Mechanicsville, where he has made his home for several years.

He was born in Cedar county, Iowa, May 1, 1861. His father, James Leech, was born in Maryland in 1815 and spent his youthful days in that state, after which he removed to Clarion county, Pennsylvania, where he subsequently met and married Miss Keziah Reid, a native of the Keystone state. Mr. Leech was a cooper by trade, as was his father before him, and in early manhood followed that pursuit in support of his family, which included four children ere his removal to the west. In 1856 he sought a home in Iowa, driving across the country with a team. It was in October that the family bade adieu to neighbors and friends and started on the long journey which could now be accomplished in fewer hours than it then required days. They came direct to this

county, influenced in their choice of a location by the fact that they had friends here. Mr. Leech purchased eighty acres of timber land, cleared away the trees, grubbed up the stumps, turned the furrows, planted the seeds and in due course of time gathered his harvests. He found the soil rich and productive so that good crops were garnered and in due course of time he bought more land until he became the owner of two hundred acres in Pioneer township. Upon the farm which he there developed and improved he reared his family and made his home until called to his final rest, his death occurring in 1892 when he was seventy-eight years of age. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in 1863. They had four children who reached mature years: William M., who was married and died in 1885; R. R., a well known and capable lawyer of Tipton; F. W., of this review; and Ella M., who became the wife of W. S. Strickland and died in 1889.

Frank W. Leech was reared on the home farm. The picture of his boyhood environment and experiences is not unlike that of most farm boys. With zest he entered into the pleasures of youth and received his training in farming in the fields of the old homestead. Following his father's death he took charge of and carried on the farm and business and eventually succeeded to the ownership of the property. He completed his arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage, on the 29th of September, 1891, in Mechanicsville, to Miss Ida J. Brown, who was born and reared in this county and is a daughter of James Brown, who was one of the native sons of the county and a representative of one of the oldest families. He met death by accident here in the fall of 1909.

Following his marriage Mr. Leech carried on farming for a number of years but in 1897 rented his land and removed to Mechanicsville, where he turned his attention to the hardware business, in which he engaged for six years. He then sold out and two years later became actively interested in the live-stock business, since which time he has made a specialty of buying, feeding and selling live stock, handling from one hundred and fifty to two hundred carloads annually. He is conducting an extensive business and, being an excellent judge of stock, knows where to place his investments and how to conduct his sales so that an honorable and gratifying profit is secured. He was one of the promoters and the largest stockholder of the Mechanicsville Savings Bank and has erected several residences in the city, thus contributing to the substantial improvement and adornment of the place.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Leech has been blessed with one daughter, Ruth, who was graduated from high school with the class of 1910. The parents are well known socially and their hospitable home is a favorite resort with their many friends. Mr. Leech votes with the democracy, which finds in him an earnest advocate of its principles. He served on the town board, was township school treasurer for several years and has been a delegate to county, state and congressional conventions. As every true American citizen should do, he keeps well informed on the vital questions and issues of the day and supports by his ballot the political principles which he deems most conducive to good government. His wife and daughter are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, while Mr. Leech belongs to the Odd Fellows, with which he

has been identified from the age of twenty-one years. He has served through all of the chairs of the local lodge, has been noble grand for three terms and was secretary for one year. He also served as district deputy for two terms and has several times represented the local organizaton in the grand lodge. He likewise belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp, and he and his wife are identified with the Rebekah lodge in which Mrs. Leech has filled all of the chairs. Both have a wide acquaintance in Tipton and throughout Cedar, Jones and adjoining counties. Along the legitimate lines of trade and commerce he has won prosperity, and his life record proves that success is ambition's answer.

HENRY C. BRENDES.

Henry C. Brendes enjoys an enviable reputation as a prosperous and progressive farmer and stock-raiser of Springfield township, owning two hundred and one acres of valuable land on section 22. His birth occurred in Scott county, Iowa, on the 2d of November, 1866, his parents being Henry and Maggie (Kelling) Brendes. The father, who was born in Hanover, Germany, on the 20th of October, 1826, was married in 1856. In the fall of the preceding year he emigrated to the United States, first locating in Davenport, Iowa. There he secured employment on the railroad and later worked as a farm hand for several years. Subsequently he spent a short time in the western part of Iowa and on returning to Scott county purchased eighty acres of land, devoting his attention to its cultivation until 1881, when he disposed of the property and came to Cedar county. Here he bought eighty acres of land and carried on general agricultural pursuits continuously and successfully until the time of his retirement. He now makes his home in Springfield township with their daughter, Mrs. C. F. W. Kleppe. His wife passed to her final rest August 4, 1910. He is a member of the Lutheran church at Lowden, to which his wife also belonged, and exemplifies its teachings in his daily life. Henry Brendes gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served his fellow townsmen in the capacity of road supervisor, while for many years he also acted as a school director. Unto him and his wife were born ten children, namely: Georgiana; Louisa; Paulina; Maggie; Minnie; Henry C., of this review; Tillie; Lena; Nellie, who is deceased; and Katie.

Henry C. Brendes pursued his education in the district schools of Scott and Cedar counties and after putting aside his text-books assisted his father in the operation of the home farm. Subsequently he operated a rented farm of two hundred acres in Springfield township for two years and then rented a quarter section of land from his brother-in-law for five years. On the expiration of that period he bought his present place of two hundred and one acres on section 22, Springfield township, and the further cultivation and improvement of that property has claimed his attention continuously since. He has erected a new residence, a substantial barn and good outbuildings, and the neat and thrifty appearance of his farm indicates the supervision of a practical and progressive

owner. In connection with the cultivation of cereals he handles stock to some extent, raising graded stock exclusively.

On the 22d of February, 1893, at Lowden, Mr. Brendes was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Miller, a daughter of Louis and Doris (Rixe) Miller, both of whom are deceased. Their home has been blessed with seven children, as follows: Otto, who was born on the 21st of August, 1894; Martha, whose natal day was September 8, 1896; Amanda, whose birth occurred December 25, 1898; Walter, born March 20, 1900; Henry, August 10, 1902; Elmer, July 17, 1904; and Norma, August 4, 1907.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Brendes has given his political allegiance to the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. He is at present serving in the capacity of school director. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Evangelical church at Lowden. His entire life has been spent in this part of the state and he enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance here.

SIMON NICHOLAS MONK.

Simon Nicholas Monk, who since 1903 has lived in honorable retirement at Tipton, devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career, owning and operating a quarter section of rich and productive land in Fairfield township. His birth occurred in Oxford county, Ontario, on the 7th of October, 1841, his parents being Nicholas and Katharine (Moyer) Monk, both of whom were natives of New York. The paternal grandfather, John Monk, who was a native of Holland and came to America in colonial times, served as an artilleryman during the entire period of the Revolutionary war. The maternal grandparents of our subject were of German birth. The parents of Simon N. Monk were reared and married in the Empire state and subsequently removed to Ontario, where they spent the remainder of their lives on a farm. Their children were fourteen in number, eleven of whom grew to maturity, while four sons and three daughters still survive.

Simon Nicholas Monk, who was the youngest of his father's family, spent the first twenty-five years of his life in the place of his nativity and then came to Cedar county, Iowa, arriving here on the 28th of February, 1866. He purchased and located upon a farm of one hundred and sixty acres four miles east of Tipton in Fairfield township, and there carried on his agricultural interests with excellent success for many years, operating the place until January, 1903, when he disposed of the property. Since that time he has lived retired in Tipton, residing in an attractive dwelling at the corner of Fifth and Orange streets, which he purchased one year after his arrival in this town. He built the substantial and commodious residence which stood on his farm. His intelligently directed and untiring labors as an agriculturist were rewarded with a gratifying measure of prosperity, and he is therefore enabled to spend his declining years in the enjoyment of well earned rest.

MR. AND MRS. SIMON N. MONK

On the 23d of January, 1863, Mr. Monk was united in marriage to Miss Frances Ann Ingram, who was born in Oxford county, Ontario, on the 4th of August, 1842. Her parents, Robert and Rosanna (Siple) Ingram, were natives of Ireland and Ontario respectively. The father, who was twice married, had three sons by his first wife and eleven children by his second. His demise occurred in Ontario, while the mother of Mrs. Monk passed away at her home in Tipton. Mrs. Monk passed away on Sunday, May 15, 1910, and her death was widely and deeply mourned. When a little girl of eleven years she was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal church and was ever afterward a devoted and faithful Christian. On the 28th of February, 1866, she came to Iowa with her husband and they purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land at York Prairie, paying twelve dollars per acre. A true companion and helpmate to her husband, she aided him in every possible way and her upright life gained her the love and esteem of those with whom she came in contact. For a number of years she taught in the Sunday school at York Prairie and was president of the missionary society. She was one of a family of eleven children, but only three are now living, namely: Mrs. Alesworth, of Tipton; Mrs. Franco, of Bennett; and Fred Ingram, of Tama, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Monk became the parents of three children. John Frederick, living at Fort Dodge, owns a half interest in Tobin College, a commercial school which he founded eighteen years ago in association with a partner. Emma Elizabeth is the wife of Dr. Charles J. Snitkay, a homeopathic physician of Belle Plaine, Iowa. Edith Rosanna gave her hand in marriage to Alfred F. Reeder, of Tipton. Mr. Monk now has nine grandchildren.

Politically Mr. Monk is a stanch advocate and adherent of the republican party. He has served as a delegate to county and state conventions and has helped to nominate good men for office but has never sought public preferment for himself. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church at Tipton, in which he is acting as steward. While residing on the farm he belonged to the York Prairie church and held all official positions therein. The cause of temperance finds in him a stalwart and helpful champion, for he believes that the liquor traffic is one of the worst evils with which our country has to contend. During the period of his residence in Cedar county, covering more than four decades, he has won a host of warm friends.

PETER MONK.

Peter Monk, a brother of Simon N. Monk, was born in western New York on the 23d of October, 1829, and was taken to Oxford county, Ontario, by his parents when but a year and a half old. There he resided until the fall of 1862, when he crossed the border into the United States, locating in Wisconsin. In February, 1865, he came to Cedar county, Iowa, and for five years made his home in Tipton. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode on a farm in Fairfield township and for a number of years devoted his atten-

tion to its operation, bringing the fields under a high state of cultivation and improvement. In 1893 he disposed of the place, comprising two hundred and forty acres, and has since lived retired in a handsome residence which he purchased at the corner of Seventh and Mulberry streets in Tipton.

Mr. Monk has been married twice. On the 4th of June, 1854, he wedded Miss Elizabeth King, a native of Scotland, who was brought to Ontario by her parents in infancy. She passed away in Tipton on the 21st of March, 1903. On the 6th of September, 1904, Mr. Monk was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Thomas Harris, who died three years later.

At the polls Mr. Monk casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. While residing in Fairfield township he capably served as trustee for two terms, filled the office of road supervisor one year and school director the same length of time. He is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church and takes a helpful interest in its work. He has now passed the eightieth milestone on life's journey and receives the respect and veneration which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on this earthly pilgrimage and whose career has been at all times upright and honorable.

JESSE LE ROY CROZER.

Jesse Le Roy Crozer needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for he has been a resident of Cedar county for fifty-eight years and was long well known as a prominent representative of agricultural interests and is now accorded a place with the leading financiers of the county through his connection with the vice presidency of the West Branch State Bank. He was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, July 14, 1850, a son of Jonathan and Phoebe (James) Crozer, both natives of Ohio, the father born April 1, 1826, and the mother on the 11th of June, 1829. They were married in Columbiana county in 1848 and to provide for his family Jonathan Crozer followed the occupation of farming. In the year 1852 he came to Cedar county, Iowa, and took up his abode two miles south of West Branch, where for a long period he carried on general farming. He died on the old homestead December 2, 1882, and his widow now resides with her children, Jesse L. and Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Thomas, the wife of Peter J. Thomas, who is living southeast of West Branch.

Jesse L. Crozer was only two years of age when brought by his parents to Iowa and upon the home farm he was reared and there resided until December, 1903. He early became familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist and his practical experience well qualified him for successful farming when he started out in life on his own account. He became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land on sections 18 and 19, Springdale township, constituting a valuable farm equipped with all modern improvements and accessories. Everything about the place presented a neat and thrifty appearance and indicated the careful supervision and practical methods of the owner. Year after year Mr. Crozer continued to carry

on the work of the fields until December, 1903, when he left the farm and removed to West Branch, where he has since made his home. Here he built his present fine residence on South Downey street. It is an eleven-room house, supplied with all modern equipments and conveniences. Since taking up his abode in town Mr. Crozer has been elected to the vice presidency of the West Branch State Bank and is thus connected with one of the strong financial institutions of the county.

In 1876 occurred the marriage of Mr. Crozer and Miss Caroline Mackey, who was born near Whitby, Ontario county, Canada, February 27, 1850. She came alone to Downey, Cedar county, Iowa, to join a brother and sister in 1873. Her parents both died in Canada, her father passing away when she was five years of age, while her mother died when Mrs. Crozer was a young lady of eighteen. In the family were eight children, four sons and four daughters, of which number three of the daughters and one son came to Cedar county, Iowa. In order of birth they were as follows: Sylvester, now living in Ontario; Charles, who died in Iowa City in 1909; Sarah Ann, who died at the age of eighteen years; Lavina, the widow of Hugh Crawford of Lone Tree, Iowa; David, who died in Canada; Levi, residing in Toronto, Canada; Mrs. Crozer; and Maria, the widow of U. B. Sanders of Cedar Rapids. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Crozer have been born two children, Clara E. and Lena M.

In his political views Mr. Crozer has always been a republican, interested in the success and growth of the party. He filled the office of road supervisor for six years and for twenty-one years was treasurer of his school district. He was reared in the Quaker faith but is not now a member. He was formerly identified with the Independent Order of Good Templars and of the Foresters, but is affiliated with neither organization at the present time. He is practically a life-long resident of Cedar county and has been an interested witness of its growth and progress, its development and upbuilding. Those who know him recognize in him the sterling traits of honorable manhood which ever win confidence and high regard. He has led a busy and useful life and his success is the logical and merited sequence of his labors.

FREDERICK W. BRAMMEIER.

Frederick W. Brammeier, who has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career, is now the owner of three hundred and forty-five acres of valuable farming land, one hundred and five acres of which is situated in Muscatine county, while the remainder lies in Farmington township, Cedar county. His birth occurred in Westphalia, Germany, on the 11th of October, 1836, his parents being William Frederick and Wilhelmina (Ketemann) Brammeier, who were likewise natives of that place. Both are now deceased, however, passing away in Cedar county, Iowa.

Frederick W. Brammeier attended the schools of the fatherland in pursuit of an education and when seventeen years of age emigrated to the United States. His first place of residence in this country was St. Louis, Missouri,

where he remained for one month. On the expiration of that period he went to Muscatine county, Iowa, with his eldest brother, William, while subsequently he worked as a farm hand in Cedar county for about three years. For three seasons he was engaged in breaking raw prairie with four yoke of oxen. Later he farmed a quarter section of land in association with his brother Henry for three years and then bought a tract of eighty acres from his brother William. As his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, he added to his holdings by additional purchase from time to time until he is now the owner of three hundred and forty-five acres of rich and productive land, one hundred and five acres of which lies in Muscatine county and the remainder in Farmington township, Cedar county. The place is highly improved in every particular and all of the buildings, including a handsome modern residence, were erected by our subject. In all of his farm work he has been progressive and his life record is an indication of the fact that success is not a matter of genius, as some aver, but comes as the result of indefatigable labor, sound judgment and experience.

On the 10th of December, 1863, at Wilton Junction, Iowa, Mr. Brammeier was united in marriage to Miss Annie Martha Otto, who was born on the 14th of September, 1836. Her parents, Emanuel and Martha Elizabeth (Simon) Otto, spent their entire lives in Germany. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Brammeier were born eight children, as follows: J. W. Henry, who is mentioned on another page of this work; Louis, who resides in Farmington township; Gottlieb, at home; William, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this volume; Lydia, who passed away on the 13th of June, 1900; and Catherine, Selma and Clara, who are likewise still under the parental roof.

Politically Mr. Brammeier is a democrat and for five years he ably served his fellow townsmen in the capacity of road supervisor. He and his family belong to the German Lutheran church and take a deep and helpful interest in its work. Coming to America as a youth of seventeen, he possessed the laudable ambition that prompts close application and earnest effort, and upon these qualities he has builded his success. The period of his residence in this part of the state now covers fifty-seven years and he has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as a prosperous and respected citizen.

MARX HENRY HARTZ.

For thirty-nine years Marx Henry Hartz has been a resident of Cedar county, closely identified with its agricultural interests, and today it is doubtful whether the county contains within its limits a more honored resident. The high position which has been accorded Mr. Hartz is due to characteristics of energy, persistence, integrity and public spirit that gain recognition everywhere and are at the foundation of all that is best in our modern civilization. These characteristics Mr. Hartz inherited from a long line of worthy ancestry and their application has resounded not only to the credit of himself and family but to that of the entire community. Although four score and six years of age Mr. Hartz is in the enjoyment of health

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and faculties which have continued in a large degree unimpaired and through which he has been able not only to advance his own interest but the interests of many others with whom he has been associated.

He was born at Holstein, Germany, January 19, 1824, and is the son of Hans and Anna (Rower) Hartz, natives of Germany, who long since passed to their reward. He received his education in the common schools and after arriving at twenty-two years of age served for two years and nine months in the German army. The training he there received has undoubtedly been of great benefit to him through life. At thirty years of age, having heard and read a great deal concerning the opportunities that awaited ambitious young men in the United States, he came to this country, landing at New Orleans, May 2, 1854. Mr. Hartz began in his adopted country at the bottom of the ladder. He started as a farm laborer at Davenport, Iowa, and later began renting land in Scott county. By industry and good management he was able to buy eighty acres of land in 1865, living in Scott county until 1871, when he came to Cedar county and located in Farmington township, where he has since lived. Here he operated with constantly increasing success. From the beginning of his career as a farmer he showed talent for agricultural pursuits that gave unusual promise for the future. As a young man he cleared the land, guided the plow as it broke the virgin soil and gained a knowledge of plowing, planting and harvesting so necessary in a farmer's life. He also learned a great deal concerning live-stock and the grades that bring the best prices, and thus he has been able to meet the demands of buyers looking for choice animals. As a farmer he made use of improved machinery and his farm residences and surroundings indicate the good judgment and careful management of one fully alive as to the comforts and conveniences of the up-to-date farming establishment. He started in this county upon one hundred and sixty acres of land that was very slightly improved and increased the acreage until his farm became one of the largest and finest in his portion of the county. He has divided four hundred and seven acres among his children and some time ago sold four hundred acres which he owned in O'Brien county, Iowa. It will be seen that as a farmer he attained an enviable success.

On October 21, 1860, Mr. Hartz, in Scott county, Iowa, was united in marriage to Miss Mary Stoeterau, a native of Holstein, Germany, born October 19, 1837. Mrs. Hartz is a daughter of Detlef and Elsie Stoeterau. The father died in his native land, but Mrs. Stoeterau came to this country and made her home with her daughter in Cedar county, where she was called to her final rest at an advanced age. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hartz; Julius, who married Miss Lizzie Horst and now lives in Durant, Iowa; William; Annie, now Mrs. Otto Schiele, of Cedar county; Henry; John; Mary; Charles, a farmer of Cedar county; Eliza, the wife of Richard Peterson, of Scott county, Iowa; Emma, now Mrs. Henry Glaser, of Muscatine county, Iowa; and George, who lives with his brother Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartz were reared in the Protestant Lutheran faith but have never united with any church since coming to America, although they have always been liberal supporters of the cause of religion and of all other causes aiming to promote the welfare of their fellowmen. Mr. Hartz is an ardent supporter of the republican party, believing that its principles are best adapted to preserve

the liberties of a free people. He has never sought political preferment but has at different times served as a member of the school board. He received a good education in his boyhood years and has through life been an observer and a reader and as a result has a mind well stored with information upon many useful and interesting subjects. Mrs. Hartz has a vivid recollection of her trip across the ocean in a slow-going sailing vessel more than half a century ago, the voyage requiring ten weeks. She also remembers the scenes on the Mississippi river, her trip up the river from New Orleans to Davenport requiring three weeks, every day of which was full of interest to the travelers seeking a home in a new country. After many years of labor, in the course of which they scattered many blessings by the way, this venerable couple, who were united in the ties of marriage fifty years ago, are now enjoying the restful period that rightfully follows a life of usefulness and unselfishness. It is scarcely necessary to say that Mr. Hartz has never regretted the day in which he decided to bid farewell to old associates and seek home and friends under the promising skies of the new world.

EDWARD BELL.

Edward Bell, who was called to his final rest on the 27th of July, 1909, was long numbered among the substantial agriculturists and respected citizens of Cedar county, owning three hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive farming land in Inland township. His birth occurred in Meigs county, Ohio, on the 21st of February, 1849, his parents being Francis and Rebecca (Thompson) Bell, more extended mention of whom is made on another page of this work. In the acquirement of an education he attended the schools of Ohio and Indiana and during one winter term he also pursued his studies in Inland township, this county. After putting aside his text-books he worked as a farm hand in Scott county for two years and then devoted his attention to the cultivation of rented land in Cedar county for a similar period. At the end of that time he purchased a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Inland township, afterward bought thirteen acres more and still later made an additional purchase of one hundred and forty-seven acres, and subsequently another eighty acre tract, his farm therefore embracing four hundred acres. The property is now in possession of his widow. He also owned one hundred and seventy acres of timber land in this county. General agricultural pursuits claimed his time and energies throughout his entire business career and proved a source of gratifying remuneration to him.

The following is a brief extract from an obituary appearing in one of the local papers shortly after his demise: "In 1870 he became of age and began the effort to carve out a place for himself. Without capital, single handed, he began to work and to save. Possessing a clear mind, an indomitable spirit and a strong body, and entire immunity from all habits that could in any way weaken or divert these splendid resources, he threw his strength and energy into the apparently one supreme purpose of building a fortune for himself and

those who should come to depend upon him. How well he succeeded is best attested by the good name and estate that he left to his wife and children."

On the 9th of February, 1875, Mr. Bell was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Jane Hill, a daughter of Richard and Ally (Fulwider) Hill, who came from Virginia to this county in 1847, here spending the remainder of their lives. Richard Hill purchased eighty acres of land and carried on farming and stock-raising with excellent success. It was on the 3d of September, 1852, that he wedded Miss Ally Fulwider, by whom he had eight children. His demise occurred April 9, 1908, while his wife was called to her final rest on the 17th of May, 1880. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bell were born eight children, six sons and two daughters, one son and one daughter dying in infancy. The others are as follows: Charles F., Prentice R., Albert E., Lellie May Hegarty, James G. and Eddie A.

In politics Mr. Bell was an unfaltering republican, believing firmly in the principles of that party, and was a strong advocate of the cause of temperance. The following is another extract from the obituary referred to above: "All with whom he came in contact could no doubt bear ample testimony to his ability in counsel, his courage in defense of what he believed to be right, his industry, honesty and uprightness in business, his sympathy and responsiveness toward the needy and helpless, not upon the principles of the lodge or of the church, but solely upon his own high sense of what is due to man as man. He knew no object of worship but God, whom he acknowledged and reverenced in his heart and conscience; he recognized no temple but nature, no earthly tribunal higher than his own reason and conscience, no religion except to love God supremely, and his neighbor as himself. * * * The funeral services were conducted by Dr. John R. H. Latchaw at the family residence, Saturday, July 31st, at ten o'clock, and a very large concourse of people followed in the funeral cortege to the beautiful Inland cemetery, where the mortal remains of 'Ed' Bell, as he was familiarly called and known by everybody, now repose."

D. W. CONRAD.

The business and public interests of Lowden have found a worthy representative in D. W. Conrad who, as proprietor of a lumber and coal yard and hardware store in this city, has made for himself a place among the progressive and successful business men of the community. He is one of Cedar county's native sons, his birth occurring in Springfield township on the 15th of April, 1868. A sketch of his father, Fred Conrad, will be found on another page of this volume.

The early life of D. W. Conrad was that of the farm, and the period of his boyhood and youth was spent in the usual manner of the country lad. He attended the district schools near his home and later benefited by a course at Duncan's Business College, at Davenport, and therein acquired a thorough and comprehensive training which well equipped him for the practical and responsi-

ble duties of commercial life. He then returned to the home farm and remained with his parents until twenty-five years of age, when he went to Tipton to accept the position of deputy county auditor, in which capacity he acted for one year. In 1895 he entered commercial circles as the owner of a lumber and coal yard and hardware business which he purchased from Kossuth Pauls. Since that time he has worked up a trade of extensive proportions, for his keen business sagacity has led him to make a thorough and careful study of existing conditions bearing upon his line of business and he has equipped his establishment with those commodities which are in greatest demand and most fully meet the needs of the people. He has kept in close touch with the lumber and coal market; carries a well selected line of heavy and shelf hardware; and is ready at all times to meet any demand of the general public in his line.

Mr. Conrad was united in marriage in 1896 to Miss Augusta Eggert, a native of Springfield township and a daughter of Carl Eggert, a retired farmer residing in Lowden. To this union have been born five children, Olga, Lydia, Edward, Ferdinand and Reuben, all yet at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad hold membership in the Evangelical church, in the work of which they are deeply and helpfully interested, and in his political belief Mr. Conrad is a democrat. He has served as school treasurer and is now acting as a member of the village council, and in public office he has ever manifested the same loyalty to duty, the same progressiveness and integrity that have gained for him success in the conduct of his individual interests. Fortunate in possessing ability and character that inspires confidence, the simple weight of his character and ability has brought him into positions of trust and responsibility, and he ranks high among the well known and valued citizens of Lowden.

WILLIAM C. SCHMIDT.

William C. Schmidt devotes his time and energies to that branch of activity which George Washington designated as "the most useful as well as the most honorable occupation of man." He owns a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Springfield township and in connection with the tilling of the soil gives considerable attention to stock-raising. His birth occurred in Cedar county, Iowa, on the 16th of May, 1874, his parents being Charles and Matilda (Frowein) Schmidt. The former was born in the province of Westphalia, Germany, on the 19th of November, 1835, while the latter was likewise a native of that country, her natal day being October 21, 1840. Charles Schmidt crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1851, first settling in St. Louis Missouri, where he worked as a laborer for two years. On the expiration of that period he went to Davenport, Iowa, and at the end of three years came to Cedar county, arriving here in 1857. He worked as a farm hand for several years and then bought a tract of eighty acres, to which he later added forty acres more. Subsequently he made an additional purchase of two hundred

acres, so that his holdings aggregated three hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land. He is now living retired in the enjoyment of well earned ease, making his home with our subject. The period of his residence in this county covers more than a half century and he has long been numbered among its most substantial and respected citizens. His wife was called to her final rest in 1890.

William C. Schmidt obtained his education in the district schools of this county and when not busy with his text-books assisted his father in the operation of the home farm, thus early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. On starting out for himself he purchased the old home farm of one hundred and twenty acres from his father and has since devoted his attention to its further cultivation and improvement with excellent results. In addition to raising cereals Mr. Schmidt has engaged in stock-raising, and as he has given to this branch of activity the same care and discrimination distinguishable in his purely agricultural undertakings, he has found it a profitable adjunct to his business.

In 1898 Mr. Schmidt was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Kreinbring, a daughter of John W. and Mary (Schram) Kreinbring, early settlers of Cedar county, who are mentioned on another page of this work. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt have been born five children, four of whom still survive, namely: Gladys, whose natal day was May 23, 1901; Arthur, whose birth occurred April 23, 1903; Mildred, who was born on the 13th of August, 1905; and Lavyra, who first opened her eyes to the light of day on the 8th of May, 1908. Wilbert, who was born January 10, 1900, died in infancy.

Mr. Schmidt is a democrat in politics and is now ably serving in the capacity of constable. Both he and his wife belong to the Evangelical church at Lowden and take a deep and helpful interest in its work. His entire life has been spent in Cedar county and he is well entitled to a place among its progressive and representative citizens.

CHARLES E. RHOADS.

A well improved and valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 36, Pioneer township, annually pays tribute in golden harvests to the care and labor which is bestowed upon it by Charles E. Rhoads, a progressive and enterprising farmer and stock-raiser. The property is situated within three and a half miles of Mechanicsville and in its neat and thrifty appearance indicates the supervision of a practical and up-to-date owner.

His birth occurred on the farm where he now resides, his natal day being January 23, 1864. He obtained his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. Following his marriage he purchased and located upon eighty acres of his present place and gave his attention to its further cultivation and improvement. He has since erected a large, attractive and modern residence, two good barns, a double corn crib, a machine house and in fact all necessary outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. He uses the latest improved machinery to fa-

cilitate the work of the fields and in connection with the tilling of the soil devotes considerable attention to the raising and feeding of high grade stock. He fattens about two carloads of hogs and one carload of cattle annually and also buys steers for feeding purposes. The boundaries of his farm have been extended to include a quarter section of land by the additional purchase of a tract of eighty acres. He is a stockholder in the Mechanicsville Telephone Company and has long been numbered among the substantial, respected and representative citizens of his native county.

On the 18th of March, 1894, in Linn township, Mr. Rhoads was united in marriage to Miss Ida Statler, a native of this county and a daughter of Christopher Statler. Her brother, G. C. Statler, is mentioned on another page of this work. Unto our subject and his wife have been born three sons, namely: Forest, Frank and Howard.

Mr. Rhoads has always been a stanch republican in politics but has never sought nor desired office as a reward for his party fealty. The cause of education, however, has ever found in him a stanch advocate and supporter. Both he and his wife have spent their entire lives in Cedar county and enjoy an extensive acquaintance within its borders. A successful agriculturist, an exemplary citizen and a man of high moral standards, he has won the respect of all who have come in contact with him.

LOUIS STRACKBEIN.

That the life history of Louis Strackbein is a record of success is due to the persistent effort and intelligently directed industry which he has displayed through the many years of his connection with agricultural interests of Springfield township. Prussia, Germany, is the place of his nativity, his birth occurring on the 12th of February, 1841. His parents, Franz and Magdalena Strackbein, both passed away in the fatherland, and our subject and his brother George, also of Springfield township, are the only members of the family now living.

In the common schools of his native land Louis Strackbein acquired his education and when old enough began learning the mason's trade. He followed that occupation for a number of years, and then, when war broke out between Germany and Denmark, he served for three years in the German army. Again, in 1870, he saw active service in the Franco-Prussian war, and, although not seriously wounded himself, he was compelled to witness the fall of his comrades on every side of him. He fought for a year as a soldier in that war and then, deciding to escape further service in the German army, he came to the United States in 1871 and has since continued to make his home in this country.

Mr. Strackbein made his way to Cedar county, Iowa, and here, besides working at the mason's trade, he also became identified with agricultural pursuits as a farm hand, being employed by the month. By nature ambitious, he also possessed those sturdy qualities of industry, determination and frugality which are usually attributed to the German race, and he was not long in catching the spirit of progress which is one of the dominant traits of the people of this country. The

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combination of these excellent traits made his efforts effective forces in his struggle for success, and that they were resultant is indicated by the fact that by the year 1879 he had accumulated sufficient capital to invest in a farm, becoming the owner of his present property, consisting of eighty acres on section 3, Springfield township. It was but slightly improved when it came into his possession, but he immediately set about its further development and as time went by the results of his labor became more and more apparent, until today it is one of the well improved and valuable properties of the locality. The fields have been brought under a high state of cultivation and he has erected a good frame house and large, substantial barns and outbuildings, while he uses up-to-date machinery to facilitate the work of the farm. The place is neat and attractive in appearance, and everything about it indicates that he is in touch with the modern spirit of progress which is manifest in agricultural lines. He carries on general farming and is meeting with most gratifying success, being numbered among the substantial and representative agriculturists of his part of the township.

It was in Cedar county, in 1877, that Mr. Strackbein was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Jane Anderson, a native of this county, and they became the parents of nine children, as follows: Louis, who is married and lives in Clarence, Iowa; Anna, the wife of William Niermier, of Springfield township; and Henry, George, Fred, John, Dena, Charles and Frances. They also have adopted a little girl, Freda, who is the daughter of a sister of Mrs. Strackbein and is now a year and a half old.

The members of the household belong to the Evangelical church, in the work of which they are deeply interested, and are well known and highly esteemed in the community in which their home has been maintained for so many years. For twenty years Mr. Strackbein voted with the republican party, but he now gives his support to the democracy, although the honors or emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. He prefers to live his life quietly on the farm, concentrating his attention upon the conduct of his own personal affairs, and he feels today that he has never had occasion to regret his decision to take up his home in this country, where competition is stranger but where at the same time opportunity for advancement is greater, and where prosperity waits upon ambition and determination and crowns efforts well directed and labor intelligently applied.

JOSEPH NORING.

From many and various sources came those who now make up the population of Iowa, but none, however, have brought more substantial qualities or proved more loyal citizens than those who have come from or trace their lineage to the fatherland. Joseph Noring is one of Germany's contributions to the citizenship of this great commonwealth, his birth occurring near Mulhausen in that country, May 16, 1854. His parents, Joachim and Anna (Kaiser) Noring, who were also natives of that village, have both passed away. The former, who was born November 5, 1824, thinking to find greater business opportunities for himself and better advantages for his children in the new

world, crossed the Atlantic in 1864, landing in Castle Garden, New York, on the 26th of October. He did not tarry on the eastern coast but made his way at once to Iowa, arriving in Davenport on the 3d of November of that year. The family made their home in that city until February, 1865, when they came to Cedar county and located on the farm in Iowa township which has since been the home of our subject. Ere leaving the fatherland Mr. Noring was married three times. His first wife, who in her maidenhood was Anna Kaiser, passed away in December, 1858, leaving beside her husband her two children: Dorothea, who was married in 1876 and passed away in the following year in Germany; and Joseph, of this review. Following the death of his first wife Mr. Noring wedded Margaret Hucke, who also died in Germany, and for his third wife he chose Katharine Hucke, a sister of his former wife, whose death occurred in Cedar county in 1894. By his second marriage he had three children, namely: Edmond, residing in Kelley, Iowa; Mrs. Caroline Anderson, of West Liberty; and Mrs. Margaret Strause, who makes her home in Burlington, Iowa. After many years devoted to agricultural pursuits Joachim Noring retired from active life, and two years prior to his death took up his home in Muscatine, where he passed away on the 7th of April, 1884.

Joseph Noring was a young lad when, with his father and stepmother, he crossed the Atlantic to the new world, but he still retains pleasant memories of his native land, where the first ten years of his life were spent. His education, which had been begun in Germany, was completed in the country schools of Iowa, and, although his opportunities were somewhat limited in early life, by broad and comprehensive reading he has since acquired a general knowledge the extent of which ranks him among the best informed men of the locality in which he resides. Nor was his practical training neglected during the period of his boyhood and youth, for he was early given work to do upon the home farm, his tasks becoming heavier and more important with the passing years, and so, in the broader school of experience, he learned valuable lessons which well prepared him for the responsible and practical duties that devolved upon him when he entered the business world on his own account. Wisely choosing the occupation to which he had been reared, he made agriculture his life work and with the passing years his efforts in this direction have been rewarded with substantial success. He has continuously lived upon the old homestead farm, which he has operated independently since the death of his father. This consists of one hundred and twenty acres located on section 30, Iowa township, and he also owns another tract of one hundred and twenty acres on section 17, which he rents, and twenty-five acres of timber land on section 11. His entire attention, however, is given to the operation of the home farm, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation, and in addition to general farming he also engages in stock-raising, which is proving an important feature in his business interests. A man of good business ability, he has learned the secret that success lies in indefatigable energy, close application, wise management and progressive methods, and these qualities have been salient elements in the attainment of the gratifying degree of prosperity which is today his.

On the 5th of January, 1882, Mr. Noring was united in marriage to Miss Helena Gall, a native of Muscatine county, where her birth occurred March

4, 1860, and a daughter of John and Catharine Gall. The parents, who were born in Germany, came to America in the early '50s, and here both passed away, their deaths occurring in Cedar county, Iowa. In their family were two daughters and three sons. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Noring were born the following children: Blanche, who is the wife of William Bagel, of Iowa township; Ella, Harry and Carlton, all at home; two who passed away in infancy; and Catharine, whose death occurred at the age of twenty-two years.

Although the conduct of his personal interests has demanded much of Mr. Noring's attention, yet he has ever found time for the performance of those things which are at once a duty and a privilege to the loyal American citizen, and although of foreign birth Cedar county has no more faithful representative than this adopted son. A stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, he has taken an active and helpful interest in the growth of that party in the community, and, a stanch champion of the cause of education, he served for two years as president of the school board of independent district No. 9. He is a man of broad and comprehensive general knowledge, his opinions being largely accepted as authority among his fellowmen. Endowed by nature with a remarkable memory, he has a most unusual capacity for remembering dates.

CHARLES H. HARTZ.

Among the farmers of the younger generation who have attained a high repute in Cedar county, one of the richest agricultural regions of the state, if not of the whole country, is Charles H. Hartz. Although Mr. Hartz is not a pioneer, he has all the courage and perseverance of the hardy adventurers that won from the wilderness the beautiful farms that now cover the entire state, and thus gained our enduring gratitude.

Mr. Hartz was born on a farm in Farmington township, this county, June 11, 1873, and here he has spent his entire life. He is a son of Marx Henry and Mary (Stoerterau) Hartz, a record of whom is found elsewhere in this work. He was reared under the inestimable advantages of a happy home, which is of more value to any young person than all the education that can be acquired from books. He attended the district schools and assisted in the various operations upon the farm until his marriage. During this time he became thoroughly acquainted not only with the details pertaining to agriculture but also with the breeding and raising of live stock, in which for years he has shown a deep interest. He is now living upon a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, provided with a comfortable modern residence and commodious barns, this farm being part of his father's estate. Up to the present time he has devoted his attention mainly to general farming but he is now laying the foundation of a registered herd and preparing to engage somewhat extensively in the breeding of fine cattle. Judging by his success as a farmer, there is little doubt that he will in years to come be known as the owner of one of the choicest herds of fine stock in this county.

On February 15, 1908, Mr. Hartz was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Petersen, who was born in this county and is a daughter of William Petersen, a well known farmer of Farmington township. Mrs. Hartz has been indeed a helpmeet to her husband, attending with care to the duties of the household, while he has directed operations on the farm. They have one child, Alice, born August 14, 1909.

Mr. Hartz is identified with the republican party and has always shown the interest of a patriotic citizen in voting for the men and measures which he regards as most important for the welfare of the country. He is an active and progressive citizen and is in sympathy with all movements that aim to improve the character of the individual or to elevate the standard of society. Mr. Hartz is happy in the work which he has chosen and is a good example of an American citizen, actuated by worthy ideals which he has successfully applied ever since he entered upon his active career.

JOHN PFAFF.

John Pfaff is the owner of a valuable farm of two hundred acres in Cass township but makes his home in Tipton, having retired from the active operation and management of the place. It was upon that farm that he was born October 10, 1855, his parents being Abraham and Susan (Laubscher) Pfaff, both of whom were natives of Germany. Prior to his marriage the father crossed the Atlantic to Boston, Massachusetts, later became a resident of Pennsylvania and subsequently went to Ohio. He was married while still in the east and in the '40s removed from Ohio to Cedar county, Iowa, where both he and his wife spent their remaining days upon the farm where the birth of their son John occurred. The father died March 12, 1885, when about sixty-nine years of age, having long survived his wife who passed away on the 10th of November, 1867, when forty-six years of age.

Abraham Pfaff was the owner of three hundred acres of valuable and productive land at the time of his death. In early life he had learned and followed the butcher's trade, giving to it his attention until he came to Iowa, when he began farming and found it a profitable source of income. He was a well read man and kept in touch with the leading events and questions of the day. He gave his political support to the democratic party, did all in his power to promote its success and held a number of township offices, the duties of which he discharged with promptness and fidelity. He held membership in the German Reformed church and in all life's relations was true to the standards of individual worth and high citizenship. Moreover, he was a self-made man, for when he came to this county his financial resources were very limited. Eventually he worked his way upward, however, his energy and diligence enabling him to gain a substantial measure of success.

His family numbered nine children: William, who died October 10, 1867; Lena, the wife of Thomas Henry Hughey of Lebanon, Iowa; Abraham, a resident of Tipton; Peter, who died in Tipton, May 20, 1909, leaving a widow and

one daughter; Carrie, living in Cass township with her sister; Charles, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; John, of this review; Anna Amelia, the wife of Fred Kohl of Lisbon; and Susan, the wife of C. A. Dodds of Cass township.

Upon the home farm where he was born and reared John Pfaff continued to reside until he took up his abode in Tipton in 1904. He always carried on general agricultural pursuits, owning and cultivating two hundred acres of land on section 7, Cass township, from which he yet derives a substantial rental. The place is well improved with good buildings and under his supervision the fields were brought under a high state of cultivation so that he annually gathered therefrom rich crops.

In 1886, Mr. Pfaff was united in marriage to Miss Fanny Smith, who was born in Warren county, Illinois, near Gerlaw, in 1863 and is a daughter of Ryan G. and Elizabeth (Buch) Smith, both of whom were natives of Ohio, whence they removed to Warren county, Illinois, in their childhood days, remaining residents of that state until called to their final rest.

In his political views Mr. Pfaff is a democrat and, as every American citizen should do, keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He has served as trustee of Cass township and resigned that position at the time of his removal to Tipton. He owns a good home in the city, which he purchased when he left the farm. His life has been well spent, and his has been an active and useful career, bringing him a substantial reward for his labor, so that he is now enabled to rest from further business and yet enjoy the comforts and some of the luxuries of life.

CHARLES E. KROEMER.

Charles E. Kroemer needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for during thirty-eight years he has made his home in Cedar county. This covers the entire period of his lifetime. He was born in Massillon township, May 8, 1872, was reared to farm life, and since attaining his majority has given his attention to general agricultural pursuits. As the family name indicates, he is of German lineage. His father, Carl Kroemer, was born in Prussia, Germany, where his youthful days were spent and, having arrived at years of maturity, he married Sophia Binkmann, also born in Prussia. Following their emigration to the new world they became residents of Cedar county, Iowa, in 1869, settling in Massillon township, where Carl Kroemer opened up the farm upon which he reared his family. In 1908 he lost his wife and now makes his home with his son, Charles E.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Charles E. Kroemer in his boyhood and youth. His time was divided between the schoolroom and playground and the farm work, study and play alternating. He attended a German school at Lowden for a time and after putting aside his text-books devoted his entire attention to the work of the old homestead until he had attained his majority. Soon afterward he was mar-

ried on the 17th of May, 1894, to Miss Dorothea Kruckenberg, who was born and reared here. After their marriage they located where they now reside, upon a tract adjacent to the old homestead, and as his financial resources have increased, Mr. Kroemer has increased his holdings until he is now the owner of two hundred and ten acres, situated on section 28, Massillon township. The equipment and accessories of a model farm are here to be found and the place constitutes one of the attractive features of the landscape. Mr. Kroemer has recently completed a commodious three-story residence, which is one of the fine country homes of the district, and he also has a large barn on the place. Everything is in keeping with the spirit of progress and enterprise which has dominated his life since he started out for himself. Annually he harvests good crops and also feeds cattle, which he sells off the pasture. He likewise makes a specialty of feeding and fattening Poland China hogs and sells a large number each year, his stock-raising interests constituting a profitable feature of his business.

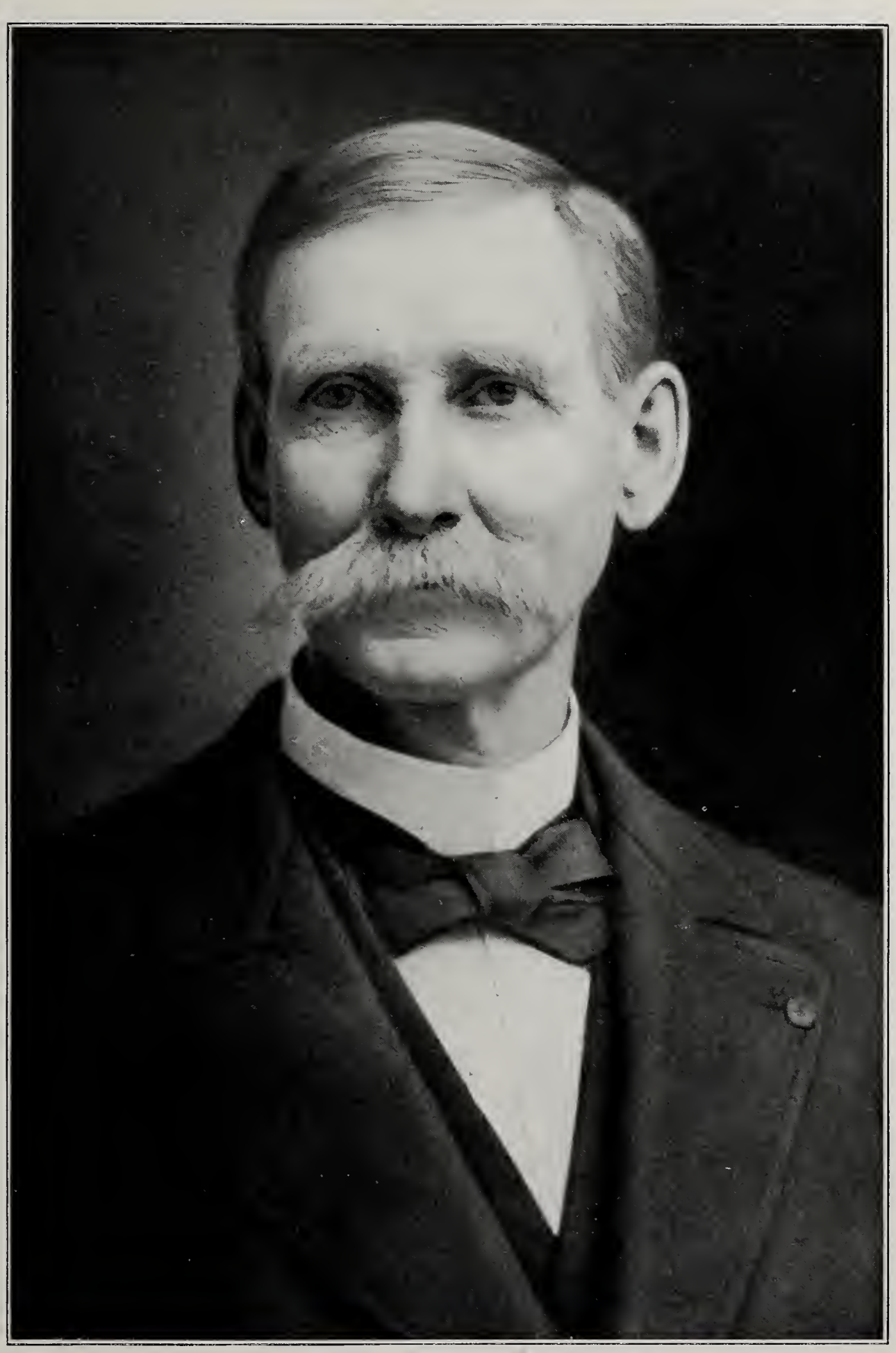
Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kroemer have been born six children: Gerhardt and Gertrude, twins, Arthur, Alice and Herbert, all still living, but they lost an infant son, their first born. Mr. and Mrs. Kroemer hold membership in the German Lutheran church of Lowden and are interested in the moral progress of the community.

As a stalwart republican, Mr. Kroemer has given unfaltering support to the men and measures of the party and has held some local offices, serving for two years as assessor of Massillon township, while for eight years he has been a member of the school board and the cause of education finds in him an earnest champion. In all public affairs as in private life he is practical and progressive, accomplishing what he undertakes. His are the sterling qualities of honorable and upright manhood, and it is thus that he has come to be known as one of the representative and worthy citizens of the locality in which he makes his home.

MILLER BROTHERS.

The Miller Brothers—John Harlan, Harry and Arthur—are well known farmers, stock-raisers and feeders of Dayton township, their landed possessions embracing five hundred and sixty acres in the same place, of which eighty acres lie across the boundary line between Cedar and Jones counties, while the remainder is situated in Dayton township. In addition to this they also own another farm in Jones county, comprising three hundred and thirty acres, near Anamosa, and a third tract of two hundred acres near Olin in Jones county, so that they now have nearly twelve hundred acres in three well improved farms.

These brothers are native sons of Cedar county and were born on the old homestead. The birth of John Harlan Miller occurred August 27, 1870, while Harry Miller was born January 23, 1873, and Arthur Miller, June 25, 1876. They also have a sister Luella, who is the wife of Clyde Jackson of Stanwood, Iowa. Their father, Hon. Thomas B. Miller, was born June 9, 1841, in Holmes



THOMAS B. MILLER

county, Ohio, and was there reared and educated. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in response to his country's call for troops and served for three years and three months in defense of the Union, being honorably discharged at the close of the war. He then returned to Holmes county and was afterward married there December 28, 1867, to Miss Letitia Korn, who was born and reared in Holmes county, Ohio.

In the spring of 1866 Thomas B. Miller came to Iowa and settled in Cedar county on land which his father had previously entered from the government. Here he and his brother broke the sod and opened up a farm. Later Thomas B. Miller bought more land from time to time until he owned four hundred acres in his home place. In the midst of that tract he erected a large and attractive residence and in the rear put up good barns and convenient outbuildings that furnished ample shelter for grain and stock. He developed a neat and well improved farm, upon which he lived until 1882 when he rented this place and removed to South Dakota, where he took up a claim for one hundred and sixty acres. He then engaged in the livery business for a few years and in 1886 returned to Cedar county, settling upon the old home farm. He removed to Stanwood in 1899, where his last days were spent, his death occurring September 5, 1907. His widow still survives him and makes her home in Stanwood.

Thomas B. Miller was not only recognized as one of the leading agriculturists of the community but was also a worthy early settler and one whose labors constituted an important element in the substantial growth and upbuilding of this part of the state. Moreover, he was a leader in political circles. He always gave his support to the republican party and was nominated on that ticket as a representative to the state legislature. The election showed that he was the popular candidate for the office and by re-election he continued a member of the house for two terms, in which he served with honorable distinction, supporting many valuable legislative measures. He was widely known throughout the state as a man of good business ability and was an active and progressive farmer and stock-raiser. Moreover, he was known as a man of unblemished character, possessed of a lofty patriotism and notable public spirit, and he had the confidence, respect and honor of all with whom he came in contact.

His sons took charge of the farms and business some years prior to their father's death and purchased more land, including two farms in Jones county and one hundred and sixty acres in Cedar county, and they are today extensive stock-buyers, raisers and feeders. They also buy, feed and handle a large number of heavy draft horses. They fatten and ship from twelve to fifteen carloads of cattle each year and about four hundred hogs. Their business methods show keen discrimination, unfaltering energy and a progressive spirit. Their interests have closely connected them with the upbuilding and business enterprise of this section of the state and their labors have not only contributed to their own success but have also constituted elements in advancing the general prosperity.

Harlan Miller was married in Cedar county on the 28th of February, 1893, to Miss Dora Coppess, who was born and reared in Cedar county. They now have two children, Foster and Roy Miller. In the year 1903 Harry Miller wedded Miss Loretta Derr of Jones county, and they have one child, Clarice. Arthur Miller was married in Jones county in 1904 to Miss Nettie McCray, who

was born and reared in that county. They have two daughters, Helen and Esther. The youngest brother is operating a two hundred acre farm in Jones county.

Politically the Miller Brothers have always been identified with the republican party but have never sought or desired office, preferring to concentrate their time and energies upon their business affairs, which have grown to considerable magnitude, bringing to them success and gain that ranks them with the leading and representative citizens of this part of the state.

FRED CONRAD.

That the rich farm lands of Iowa hold out excellent possibilities for success to the ambitious and industrious farmer is indicated by the record of Fred Conrad who, starting out in life as a farm hand, has, by the intelligent use of his opportunities, become one of the substantial and well-to-do residents of the community. He is numbered among those whose well directed efforts in former years now make it possible for them to live retired from active life and enjoy in well earned rest those comforts which a goodly competence can provide.

He was born in Hanover, Germany, on the 19th of November, 1841, a son of Dietrick Conrad, also a native of Germany, who came to the United States in 1850. After his arrival in this country the father resided for five years in Randolph county, Illinois, and then, in 1855, came to Cedar county, Iowa, locating on a farm in Springfield township. He was a poor man when he came to this country, and the first years in this frontier district were a struggle for existence. His indefatigable energy and unfaltering perseverance, however, stood him in good stead and with the passing years he acquired a most creditable degree of success. He followed farming all his life, and his death occurred in Springfield township when he had reached the age of eighty years. His wife, Mrs. Sophia Conrad, who was also born in Germany, passed away in this township when seventy years old. Of their family of three children one son, Henry, is now deceased. The sister of our subject is Mrs. Conrad Miller, who makes her home in Lowden.

The educational advantages enjoyed by Fred Conrad were acquired in the district schools of Germany, and he was a little lad of ten years when, in 1851, he left the fatherland and with his brother came to the United States. He was engaged for a number of years as a farm hand, working by the month, but during that period the thrift and frugality which were his German birthright, led him to carefully save his earnings so that he was at length able to invest in a farm of his own. He had cast in his lot with the early settlers of Cedar county, with whom he faced the hardships and privations which are always features of frontier life, and during the period of early development of this district his labors contributed in substantial measure to opening up and improving the lands of Cedar county. He had started out in life empty-handed, but he possessed an ambition and enthusiasm which would not permit of failure, and he steadily worked his way on through the years, his private fortune increasing with the

development of the district. He became the owner of extensive property holdings which ranked him among the large landowners of Springfield township. He yet owns four hundred and forty-five acres of valuable Iowa land and has sold or given to his children three hundred and fifty acres. Although he has experienced many hardships and his life has been one of continuous activity, characterized by hard labor and earnest endeavor, his well directed efforts have found their reward in later years, for he is now able to enjoy all the comforts that wealth can provide without recourse to further labor. He makes his home in Lowden, where he occupies a prominent place among the men of affluence.

It was on the 8th of February, 1866, that Mr. Conrad was united in marriage, in Springfield township, to Miss Louise Rixe, a native of Germany and a daughter of Fred Rixe, of whom mention is made on another page of this volume. They became the parents of ten children, nine of whom are yet living, as follows: D. W., a merchant of Lowden, whose sketch is also found elsewhere in this work; Louis and Henry, engaged in farming; Lena, the wife of Fred Butterbrodt; Herman, who resides in Lowden; Emil and Fred, both farming; Otto, who passed away at the age of twenty years; Paul, farming in connection with one of his brothers; and Julius, at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad are prominent and influential members of the Evangelical church, in the work of which they are deeply interested, and they are well known in the social circles in which they move, the best homes of Lowden extending to them warm hospitality. Mr. Conrad votes with the democratic party, although he has never sought nor desired public office. He is numbered among those pioneers of Cedar county who helped to blaze the way for others to follow, and he tells many interesting tales concerning the early life of this district and of the hardships which were endured by those who were brave enough to face the dangers of the frontier that they might there plant seeds of civilization. Preeminently a self-made man, he has won a prominent place among the substantial citizens of Springfield township, but his success in life cannot be measured by his material gain alone, for the confidence, respect and good-will of his fellowmen speak for honorable manhood and a life well spent.

ANTHONY FULWIDER.

Anthony Fulwider, an honored veteran of the Civil war and a retired farmer now living on section 16, Sugar Creek township, was born in Greenbrier county, now West Virginia, on the 15th of August, 1828. His parents were John and Sallie (Kincaid) Fulwider, also natives of the Old Dominion. The father's birth occurred in Augusta county in June, 1797, and the mother's in Bath county, March 15, 1801. Extended mention is made of the family in the sketch of J. H. Fulwider on another page of this volume.

Our subject is second in order of birth in a family of eight children and during his boyhood accompanied his parents on their removal to Missouri and later to Cedar county, Iowa, arriving here in 1839. On reaching manhood he commenced farming for himself and continued to follow that occupation until

his retirement from active labor. He became the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land, which he improved by the erection of good and substantial buildings, and also placed the fields under a high state of cultivation. When the Civil war broke out he put aside all personal considerations and at the first call for three years' men he enlisted in Company K, Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and remained in service until honorably discharged at the end of that period, serving as teamster all of the time.

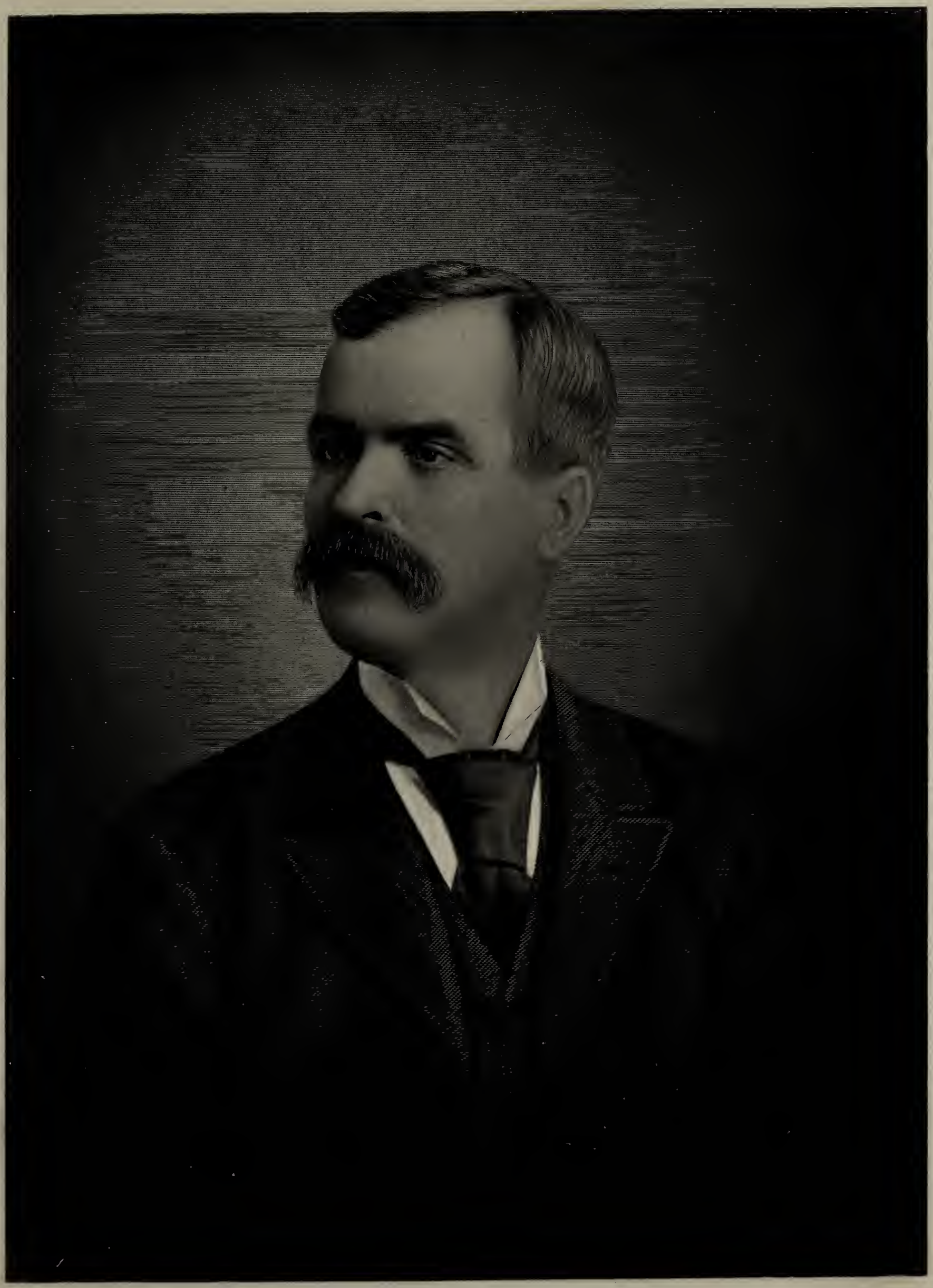
In 1849 Mr. Fulwider was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Ridenour, who was born in Greene county, Ohio, March 22, 1832, and came to Cedar county, Iowa, in 1843. Her parents, Daniel and Elizabeth (Brewer) Ridenour, were natives of Maryland, who died in this county. In the Ridenour family were six children, four sons and two daughters. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Fulwider are as follows: Sarah, now the wife of Frank Smith of Warren county, Iowa; Cyrus, who died leaving a widow and four children; Malinda, the wife of Freeman Haines of Warren county, Iowa; Eliza, who first married William Nebergall and after his death wedded Kirk Leverich of Rock Island; Wilhelmina, the wife of J. W. Rochholz of Sugar Creek township; Margaret, the widow of August Dallega and a resident of Sugar Creek township; Martha, the wife of Charles S. Weber, who is represented on another page of this volume; and Hattie, the wife of Charles Nauman of Sugar Creek township.

For over sixty-one years Mr. and Mrs. Fulwider have now traveled life's journey, sharing each other's joys and sorrows, and today they are probably the oldest couple living in this county. From pioneer days down to the present they have made their home in Cedar county and have not only witnessed its wonderful development but have aided in its growth and prosperity. It is sufficient to say that no couple in the community are held in higher esteem or have more warm friends than Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Fulwider.

WILLIAM S. ENLOW.

The strongly marked characteristics of William S. Enlow were such as endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. As a reliable and enterprising business man, as a progressive citizen, as an earnest and loyal Christian and as a faithful friend and a devoted husband he is remembered. He was born January 22, 1853, in Columbiana county, Ohio, and was a son of Samuel and Hulda Enlow. When a young boy he accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa and thereafter remained a resident of Cedar county until called to his final rest. He was reared to the occupation of farming and continued to follow it throughout his entire life.

In 1880 Mr. Enlow was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Mattison, the eldest daughter of Philip and Mary (Sullivan) Mattison. Mr. Mattison was born near London, England, in 1837, and when seven years of age came to America with his parents, who settled near Massillon, Ohio. There his father died, and the mother with her family came to Iowa in 1855, taking up her abode



William S. Enlow

in the little village of Springdale. Philip Mattison was married in 1857 to Miss Mary A. Sullivan, a lady of Scotch-Irish lineage, who was born in Dublin in 1835 and came to America while in her teens, arriving in Springdale in 1854. In 1863 Mr. and Mrs. Mattison removed to their present home in Gower township, four miles northeast of West Branch, and in the early days experienced the usual hardships and trials of pioneer life. Their land was a prairie tract with not a tree in sight. With characteristic energy, Mr. Mattison began the development and improvement of the property and the farm of two hundred and forty acres is now one of the finest and most productive in the county. The fields respond readily to the care and labor which is bestowed upon them, and everything about the place is indicative of the practical methods and progressive spirit manifested by the owner. The death of Mr. Mattison occurred in 1898 and the community thereby lost one of its representative and valued citizens. Unto him and his wife were born six children: Anna M., who is now Mrs. Enlow, of West Branch; Nellie, who in 1881 became the wife of Dr. J. M. Mingus, of Iowa City, Iowa; Charles, a prominent lawyer of Butte, Montana, who married Antony Grieve, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1895; Edwin, a druggist of Omaha, Nebraska, who wedded Mary Ford, of Hubbel, Nebraska; Clara, who died in infancy; and Harry P., who in 1898 married Anna Barkhurst, of Springdale, and resides with his mother on the old homestead. The family have long been connected with the Society of Friends.

At the time of her marriage, Anna Mattison went with her husband to the home which he prepared and for eighteen years they traveled life's journey happily together, their mutual love and confidence increasing as time went on. They secured a home near Oasis and Mr. Enlow devoted his time and energies to general farming, manifesting good business ability in the management of his affairs. He never enjoyed very good health, however, and ten years prior to his death, accompanied by his wife, he made a trip to California, hoping that he would be benefited thereby. A year's stay convinced them that he was not improving on the coast and they accordingly returned to their Oasis home. From that time on Mr. Enlow's health seemed to improve, until a few days prior to his demise, when he was suddenly taken ill and on the 29th of December, 1898, passed away.

He was a devoted Christian and his life exemplified his faith in the principles and teachings of the Methodist Episcopal church. He took an active interest in all the departments of church work, serving as a trustee and steward of the church and as secretary of the Epworth League. For ten years he was superintendent of the Sunday school and was a great favorite with the children in whom he took the greatest interest and who loved him as a father. As a trustee, he was faithful, always looking after the interests of the church and standing firm in support of what he believed to be right. His efforts in behalf of the Epworth League contributed largely to its growth and improvement. For four years he was a member of Wapsinonoc Lodge, No. 381, A. F. & A. M. of West Branch, in which he filled various official positions. He was also a devoted member of the Woodmen camp at Oasis and in his life exemplified the beneficient spirit upon which those organizations rest.

A paper published by the church of which he was a member said of him: "None knew him but to love him; none named him but to praise, and the example of his upright life will live forever in our hearts and his presence will be missed, yet we must say our loss is his gain, and surely he lived not in vain * * * In his death the bereaved wife has lost a kind, devoted and loving husband; the mother a dear son; the sister, a beloved brother; the church, a faithful and earnest Christian; the community, a good, grand and noble citizen."

KOSSUTH PAULS.

The value of industry, determination and perseverance in the attainment of success is readily manifest in the life record of Kossuth Pauls, for he started out in life as a farm hand and today is living retired, enjoying in well earned rest the comforts afforded by a goodly competence. He resides in one of the finest homes in the city and is the owner of three hundred and fifty-five acres of land in Springfield and Massillon townships, which return to him gratifying annual income.

He is one of Iowa's adopted sons who were born in Germany, his birth occurring in Schleswig-Holstein on the 22d of November, 1849. Reared to manhood in his native country, he received his educational training in the schools of the fatherland and at the same time was thoroughly instructed in the work of the farm, early becoming familiar with the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting. He continued his connection with agricultural pursuits in Germany until 1872, when, deciding to seek his fortune in the new world, he crossed the Atlantic, landing in New York city, where he remained for about six months. He then came to Cedar county, Iowa, and was here employed as a farm hand for about a year, and then, with the money which he had been able to save from his earnings, he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Pottawattamie county.

After spending a year in breaking prairie Mr. Pauls returned to Cedar county and here invested in another tract of one hundred and sixty acres, upon which he carried on general farming until 1884. He then established a lumber and coal business, and the following eleven years were devoted to the growth and development of a business along that line, which subsequently, as a result of his careful management and excellent ability, attained large and gratifying proportions. In 1895 he sold out and again returned to the farm, where agricultural pursuits claimed his attention until 1909, when, in possession of a most comfortable competency, he retired from active work and took up his abode in Lowden. His home, which is one of the finest in the town, is material evidence of the success which attended his efforts during his active career, and three hundred and fifty-five acres of rich and valuable land in Springfield and Massillon townships are the source of a most substantial annual income.

It was in 1875 that Mr. Pauls was united in marriage in Springfield township to Miss Minnie Rixe, a daughter of Fred Rixe, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume, and unto them were born eight children: Fred, Mary,

Philip Mattison

Mrs. Philip Mattison

Ernest, Emil, Mathiesen, Herman and Louise, all yet living; and Helene, who died in infancy.

The family hold membership in the Evangelical church and Mr. Pauls belongs to the Modern Brotherhood of America at Lowden. Politically he is a democrat and has often been called to office, serving as township assessor for two years, also as township trustee and as a member of the school board and of the village council, his public record at all times being characterized by a fidelity to duty which gained for him the endorsement of the entire community. An industrious, clear-minded, progressive man, with an aptitude for successful management, he closely watched his opportunity for advancement in business lines, and with the passing years acquired a position among the substantial and representative citizens of Lowden and Springfield township which not only indicate the attainment of prosperity on his part, but also the possession of all those qualities which make for honorable and valuable citizenship.

WESLEY E. BRINK.

Wesley E. Brink resides upon a farm nine miles northwest of Lowden on sections 5 and 6, Massillon township. He is one of the public-spirited citizens of that part of the county and an enterprising business man, whose determination enables him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. Farming and stock-raising claim his attention and in the conduct of his business he utilizes a farm of two hundred and eighty acres. For more than a half-century he has resided in Cedar county, his birth having occurred in Massillon township on the 24th of August, 1858, so that he is now fifty-three years of age.

His father, Ira Brink, was a native of Bradford county, Pennsylvania, born August 15, 1827. There he was reared and married to Miss Cordelia Hagar, also a native of Pennsylvania. Later he removed westward to Illinois, where for a time he engaged in cultivating rented land. Subsequently he and a brother bought a farm but after two years Ira Brink came to Iowa and invested in eighty acres of land in Massillon township, Cedar county. He at once began tilling the soil and improving the property which he owned until he traded that tract for a farm upon which his son Wesley E. now resides, situated on the Davenport and Delhi stage road. While living at that place he served as postmaster of a country postoffice and also conducted a store and wayside inn. He owned two hundred and eighty acres of land, increasing his original holdings to that amount, and upon the farm he reared his family. Later he removed to Oxford Mills and from that place to Clarence, where he spent his remaining days in the enjoyment of a well earned rest, passing away March 30, 1904. He lost his first wife on the 4th of February, 1892, when she had reached the age of sixty-six years, one month and four days. He afterward married again, his second union being with Ortensia Segar, and following her death he was married a third time.

Wesley E. Brink was reared upon the old homestead farm and acquired his education in the common schools. Throughout the period of his youth he assisted his father in the cultivation of the fields when not busy with the duties of the schoolroom. On the 9th of April, 1881, in Massillon township, he married Miss Amanda S. Davis, who was born in Plano, Illinois, and came to Cedar county, Iowa, when about one year old. Her father, Jonas Davis, was one of the early settlers of this county. Following his marriage Mr. Brink rented land, which he cultivated for two years, at the end of which time his father removed to Oxford Mills, and he returned to the old homestead, purchasing the property. Since that time he has made many modern improvements, including the erection of a good dwelling, two good barns, a double crib, a machinery house and a hog house. He has fenced the entire place and has added all the equipments and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century. In connection with his farming he raises and feeds stock, and both grain and stock return to him a good annual income. He fattens a large number of hogs each year, also sells cattle and pastures a considerable number. For twenty-nine years Mr. Brink engaged in threshing, at first operating his threshing machine by horse power and later by steam. He did threshing in Cedar, Jones, Jackson and Clinton counties and became well known in this district.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Brink has been born a son, William E., who supplemented his district-school education by study in the Clarence high school. He owns a farm of one hundred and fifteen acres a mile east of his father's place, and he and his father cultivate a part of the old homestead and rent the remainder. On the 21st of December, 1909, he married Miss Mary Bumgarner, who was born and reared in Jones county and acquired her education in the schools of Jones and Cedar counties.

Politically Mr. Brink and his son are both republicans. For fifteen years he has been officially identified with the schools, serving as township school treasurer for six years. He is now one of the township trustees and has frequently been a delegate to county conventions. His whole life has here been passed, and he has witnessed almost the entire growth and development of the county. He has seen its wild land converted into fine farms, its pioneer homes replaced by modern residences, and its villages converted into enterprising cities. At all times he has borne his share in the work of public progress and improvement, and his record both as a man and citizen commends him to the confidence and high regard of all who knew him.

JOHN Z. HOWARD.

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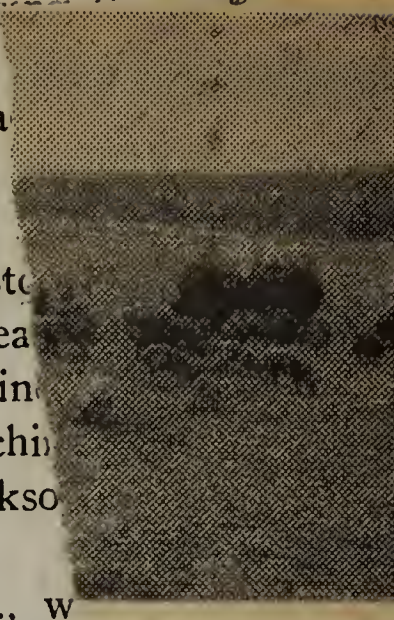

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In 1884 Mr. Kampmann was united in marriage to Miss Alvina Rixe, a native of Cook county, Illinois, and a daughter of Henry Rixe, who is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Kampmann became the parents of six children, one of whom, Emma, passed away when twenty years of age. The others are as follows: Henry, Carl, Amanda, Minnie and Herman.

In his political views Mr. Kampmann is a democrat, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Evangelical church at Lowden, with which his wife is also identified. The period of his residence in Cedar county covers almost four decades and the circle of his friends is a wide one. His record may well serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others, showing what may be accomplished when one has the will to dare and to do.

DUANE E. KOHL.

Although of eastern birth, Iowa has during the greater part of his life been the home of Duane E. Kohl, and the state of his adoption has ever found him a worthy and valued citizen. Brought to Iowa in infancy, he has therefore grown up with the district, has watched its growth and has taken a helpful part in its further development. He was born in Pennsylvania, near Reading, on the 21st of July, 1853, a son of William and Hannah (Fetterling) Kohl, both natives of that state. The father was a farmer by occupation, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits in the Keystone state until 1855, when, attracted by the advantages offered by the west which was entering upon a period of substantial yet rapid growth, he became a resident of Iowa, locating in Jones county. There he purchased a farm, upon which but few improvements had been made and upon which stood a log house and a log stable. The farm consisted of one hundred and sixty-five acres, of which only a small tract had been broken. With characteristic energy, however, he began its cultivation and soon the wild land was transformed into productive fields, yielding readily to the care and attention bestowed upon them. He became prosperous in his undertaking and continued actively in agricultural pursuits until called to his final rest on the 3d of June, 1901, having survived his wife for about twenty-three years, her death occurring in May, 1887. On June 3, 1860, all of the buildings on his farm were swept away by a tornado and although no lives were lost, Duane E. and his father were badly injured.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. William Kohl consisted of thirteen children, seven sons and six daughters, of whom six sons and four daughters are still living. Of this number three sons enlisted for service in the Civil war. D. F. Kohl, a retired farmer now residing in Lisbon, Iowa, enlisted in 1861 as a

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member of the Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, serving for three years. Later he veteranized and served until the close of the war. He participated in a large number of important battles and took part in Sherman's march to the sea. J. D. Kohl, who also resides in Lisbon, was a member of the Eighth Iowa Cavalry and served for two years, or until the close of hostilities. S. F. Kohl, likewise a member of the Eighth Iowa Cavalry, served until the close of the war and is now making his home in Shelby county, Iowa.

No event of especial importance came to vary the routine of life for Duane E. Kohl during the period of his boyhood and youth, which was spent on the home farm in Jones county. He attended the common schools near his father's home, and when not busy with his text-books assisted in the work of the fields, early becoming familiar with the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting. He remained at home, assisting his father, until reaching man's estate, when he established home relations of his own through his marriage in Jones county, December 22, 1875, to Miss Laura Scott, who was born and reared in that county. She is a daughter of Joseph Scott, a native of Iowa, where the Scott family settled at an early day. He was a son of Colonel Prior Scott, one of the pioneers of Iowa, who was born in Kentucky on the 4th of November, 1798. Subsequently the family removed to Scioto county, Ohio, where Colonel Scott was reared to manhood, when another removal was made to Indiana. Later they returned to Ohio, where Prior Soctt was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Caraway, after which he again went to Indiana, locating in Montgomery county. The year 1837 witnessed his arrival in Iowa, which was yet under territorial rule, and here Prior Scott was the first colonel of militia appointed by Governor Dodge, the first governor of the territory of Iowa. He took up his abode in Cedar county and not only was numbered among the pioneers of this district but became a well known and prominent man throughout the entire state. His son, Joseph Scott, spent almost his entire life in Jones county, where he was residing at the time of his death, June 4, 1910. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Margaret Boyles, was a native of Pennsylvania, where she she was reared and educated.

After his marriage Duane E. Kohl, of this review, continued to operate the old Kohl homestead for about three years and then purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres of land in Fremont township, Cedar county. Here he remained for about three years, after which he sold out and removed to Pioneer township, where he bought a tract of one hundred and seventy acres. Upon this place he made his home for almost two decades, and in the meantime, through careful management and well directed effort, he brought the farm under a high state of cultivation. As the years passed and he prospered he added many improvements, erecting a fine large brick residence, good barns and substantial outbuildings. He set out a good grove and orchard, enclosed the fields with woven wire fence and thoroughly tilled the ground, thus making it one of the well improved and valuable properties of that section of the county. There he carried on general agricultural pursuits and also gave considerable attention to the raising and feeding of stock, and was thus engaged with increasing prosperity until 1900, when, on the 20th of February, deciding to try the advantages of city life, he removed to Mechanicsville, where he has since continued to

make his home. Here he directed his efforts to buying and shipping stock for about four years, after which he was engaged for one year in the restaurant business. For the past five years, however, he has dealt in poultry, butter and eggs, in which he has built up a most successful business and he also superintends, from this point, the operation of his farm. He has likewise directed his efforts into other channels and became one of the organizers of the Mechanicsville Savings Bank and one of the promoters of the Mechanicsville Telephone Company, of which he is now a stockholder.

As the years passed four sons and one daughter were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kohl, namely: Oscar J., a business man of Clinton, Iowa, who is married and has two children, Albro and Hazel; Joseph A., who is married and is engaged in farming in Pioneer township; Thomas D., a farmer of Pioneer township, who is also married and has a son, Glen; Alvin H., a druggist and pharmacist; and Mae, who is the wife of Fred Staab, a farmer of Pioneer township, and has one child, Mary.

Mr. Kohl is a progressive republican in politics, serving, while residing on the farm, as assessor for four consecutive years and also as township trustee for two terms. He has also represented his party as a delegate to county conventions and served on the petit jury in both Jones and Cedar counties. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they are deeply interested, and Mr. Kohl is a member of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, joining the fraternity in 1884. He has filled the chairs twice and also acted as past grand. He is also identified with the Masonic body, holding membership in the blue lodge of Mechanicsville. He and his wife are both identified with the Rebekahs, in which Mrs. Kohl has filled all of the chairs, has acted as past grand and also as delegate to the state lodge. Both are well known in social circles and have a wide circle of friends which is almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance. A man of good business ability, whose salient characteristics are energy, industry and perseverance, Mr. Kohl has during his business career by unremitting toil and well directed labor attained to a degree of prosperity which ranks him among the successful and substantial men of his district. At all times honorable and upright in his dealings with his fellowmen, he has proven that prosperity and an honored name may be won simultaneously, and he is now recognized as one of the respected and valued citizens of Cedar county.

PETER P. GRUNDER.

Among the responsible farmers of Farmington township, Cedar county, Peter P. Grunder occupies an honorable place, which he has gained by a life of industry and perseverance, traits inherited from a worthy parentage. He was born at Wilton, Iowa, April 24, 1860, and is a son of Peter and Mary (Hanneman) Grunder, the former of whom was born in Switzerland and the latter in Germany. The father was educated in the public schools of the old country and grew up there, but after some years of industry, finding that he

was not making the progress that an ambitious young man ought to expect, he decided to leave his old home and friends and seek his fortune in a distant land. Accordingly, at twenty-five years of age, he came to America, hoping that under the stars and stripes he might be able to attain financial independence. His dream has been in an important degree realized. When he arrived in this country he was seven dollars in debt, but he had strong arms and a resolute heart and these are half the victory. He began by working upon a farm by the month and through economy and good judgment he was able to save money, with which he bought forty acres of land in Muscatine county, Iowa, and became a farmer. In 1880 he sold his farm, which had greatly increased in value, and came to Farmington township, this county, which he believed to be one of the best locations in the state, and bought the farm upon which the subject of this review now lives. His wife departed this life in 1899 and Mr. Grunder, in the evening of an active career, is retired and is living with his son.

Peter P. Grunder received his education in the common schools and grew up amid the surroundings of the farm, to which from his early years he has always been attracted. After assisting his father upon the farm for a number of years he bought from him eighty acres, which he has greatly improved, remodeling the house, building a new barn and crib and providing the place with all the accessories of a well managed establishment. He is a general farmer, but for some time has made a specialty of dairying, which has brought abundant financial returns. At one time he owned one hundred and sixty acres of land but recently disposed of eighty acres, leaving him now in possession of a farm of eighty acres.

In 1886 Mr. Grunder was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Jipp, who was born in Germany, June 14, 1861, and is a daughter of Christ and Sophia Jipp, both of whom are deceased. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Grunder: Lena, the wife of John Sessler, who resides in Farmington township, owning a farm of one hundred and twenty acres; and Rosa, Lydia, Freda, Mary and Herman, all of whom are living at home.

Mr. Grunder has found in his wife a sympathetic companion and one who has been to him a constant encouragement and support. They are both members of the Lutheran church and consistent believers in its teachings. He is an advocate of the democratic party but has not devoted much time to politics, as his interest centers upon his farm. He is recognized as one of the stanch and progressive men of the county.

FRED KREINBRING.

Fred Kreinbring, who has made his home within the borders of Cedar county for four decades, was long identified with agricultural interests here but is now living retired in Springfield township. His birth occurred in Germany on the 7th of August, 1846, his father being Charles Kreinbring, who is mentioned at greater length on another page of this work. He was but eleven years of age when brought to the United States and, having lost his

mother, lived with strangers until the time of his father's second marriage. In 1870 he came to this county with his father, remaining with him until he was called to his final rest. At that time he came into possession of the old homestead farm of eighty acres and the further cultivation and improvement of that property claimed his attention until the spring of 1910, when he put aside the active work of the fields. Since disposing of his farm he has made his home with his sister Emma, the wife of C. L. Richmann.

In politics Mr. Kreinbring is a democrat, believing firmly in the principles of that party. He belongs to the Evangelical church and in endeavoring to live up to its teachings he manifests those sterling traits of manhood which ever command confidence and awaken regard and is therefore well worthy of the esteem uniformly accorded him.

MORRIS HUBLER.

More than a third of a century has come and gone since Morris Hubler arrived in Cedar county and identified himself with its farming interests. He has worked diligently and persistently as the years have gone by and is now the owner of eighty acres of land on section 14, Linn township. The farm is neat and thrifty in appearance and his method of caring for his property is a practical as well as a progressive one.

Mr. Hubler came to Iowa in 1878 from Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred at Pine Grove in that county, December 29, 1861. He is a son of William Hubler, also a native of Schuylkill county, born in 1842. The latter was there reared and chose as his companion and helpmate for life's journey Miss Sarah Richard, also a native of that county. He was a carpenter by trade and engaged in building operations for several years. In 1878 Mr. Hubler removed westward with his family and purchased the eighty acre farm upon which his son Morris Hubler now lives. Here he built a two-story residence and a good barn together with a sheep house and scale house. He also planted an orchard, fenced the fields and largely made the farm what it is today—a valuable and well improved property. Upon this place he reared his family and spent his last years, his death occurring in October, 1905. His wife survives him and resides upon the old homestead. Their family numbered six sons and six daughters, eight of whom were born in Pennsylvania and four in Iowa. They are as follows: Robert, now living in Nebraska; Morris, of this review; George, who is upon the home farm with his brother and mother; Eddie, who also lives upon the farm; Milton, a resident of Linn township; Mrs. Priscillia Sattizahn, of Rock Island, Illinois; Lizzie, who married and died at the age of twenty-seven years; Minnie; Annie; Victor; Elmira, of Idaho; and Tila, of Nebraska.

Morris Hubler was a youth of fifteen years when the family removed to Iowa, arriving in 1876, after having attended in company with his father, mother and sister the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia. His education was acquired in the common schools and he remained at home to assist his

father until the latter's death. In fact, he had previously taken charge of the farm and later succeeded to the old home place. The early spring time finds him at work in the fields in the preparation of the land for the crops and in the course of months he gathers good harvests. He is also successfully engaged in raising and feeding stock, fattening for the market from two to four carloads of stock each year. He has high grade stock, cattle, hogs and horses and all of the different features of the place indicate his progressive spirit and the resolute manner in which he carries on business, accomplishing what he undertakes.

His life has been a busy one and yet there are times when he has found opportunity for rest and recreation. In 1909 he made a trip to the Pacific coast, spent a day on the ocean, visited Seattle and Puget Sound points and also San Francisco and other places in the far west. He was accompanied on the trip by an uncle from Pennsylvania. His political support is given to the republican party but he has never cared for office. His father, however, served as a member of the school board and in other local positions of honor and trust. The Hublers are one of the well known families of Linn township, Morris Hubler and his brothers becoming prosperous farmers and stock-raisers whose busy lives are indicated in the well kept appearance of the old homestead.

CHRISTIAN F. SOEHREN, JR.

Christian F. Soehren, Jr., an enterprising and progressive young agriculturist of Inland township, is numbered among the worthy native sons of Cedar county, his natal day being March 25, 1881. His birth occurred on the home farm in Farmington township, a half mile west of Sunbury. His father, Christian F. Soehren, Sr., was born in Germany on the 4th of December, 1843, and obtained his education in the schools of that country. When fourteen years of age he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world, the family home being established in Scott county, Iowa. He remained under the parental roof, assisting his father in the work of the fields, until thirty-one years of age, when in 1874 he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, renting land in Scott county.

At the end of a year Mr. Soehren came to Cedar county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Farmington township, while subsequently he bought another tract of similar size in Inland township, so that his holdings in this county embraced three hundred and twenty acres. He leased his property in Inland township and operated the farm in Farmington township, there carrying on agricultural pursuits continuously and successfully until called to his final rest on the 18th of May, 1901. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Dora Krebs and was a native of Germany, came direct to this county after landing on American shores. They became the parents of five children, two sons and three daughters, as follows: John H., who manages the home farm for his mother; Anna, who gave her hand in marriage to Wil-

liam Duge, of Muscatine county; Minnie, the wife of Peter Glaser, Jr., of Minnesota; Christian, of this review; and Margaret, who is at home with her mother.

Christian F. Soehren, Jr., attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education and assisted in the work of the home farm until 1903. In that year he and his brother John began operating the place for their mother on shares, being thus engaged for six years. On the expiration of that period our subject took up his abode on his mother's farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Inland township, where he has resided continuously since. He cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, and the rich and productive fields annually yield large harvests.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Soehren chose Miss Emma Weih, a daughter of Paul and Katherine (Bartscher) Weih, of Bennett, Iowa, and they were married February 24, 1909. Mr. Soehren is a stalwart democrat in politics but has not sought office as a reward for his party fealty. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, while his wife belongs to the Royal Neighbors at Bennett. The young couple likewise attend the services of the Lutheran church and are widely recognized as people of genuine personal worth.

PHILIP E. BAILEY.

The year 1867 witnessed the arrival of Philip E. Bailey in Iowa township, and since that time he has been identified with the farming and stock-raising interests of this section. Born in Columbiana county, Ohio, on the 1st of November, 1854, he is a son of David and Alice (Wickersham) Bailey, natives of Chester county, Pennsylvania. In the county of their nativity the parents were reared and married, and three children were born unto them ere their removal from the Keystone state. Twenty-one years were spent in Ohio previous to the fall of 1852, when they came to Iowa. The father, who was a carpenter in early life, later took up the occupation of farming and was thus engaged at the time of his death. Both he and his wife passed away in Cedar county. The latter was reared in the faith of the Quaker church and Mr. Bailey, although not a member, was closely identified with that denomination, both using the Quaker mode of speech prior to their coming to Iowa.

In their family were eight children, of whom Philip E. of this review is the youngest. The others are as follows: Amos, Aaron and Eli, all deceased; Emma, the wife of Joseph Shaw, of Cass county, Iowa, both of whom have now passed away; David, residing in Taylor county, Iowa; Jesse, deceased; and William, who died in the Civil war. Four of the sons, including our subject, saw service in the war at the same time. David, a member of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, served for three years. The service of Jesse, of the Fourth Indiana Battery, covered three years and six months. He responded to the first call for troops for three months, reenlisted at the end of that period for three years and served over that time. He was wounded in the engagement at

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Stone River, but did not return home until the close of hostilities. William, who enlisted at Tipton as a member of Company K, Thirty-fifth Iowa Infantry, had served nearly two years when he was taken ill during the siege of Vicksburg and passed away at Memphis, Tennessee.

Philip E. Bailey was a little lad of seven years when he left his native state and accompanied his parents to Iowa in the fall of 1852. Three months were spent at Marion, Linn county, but in February, 1853, the family took up their abode in Gower township, Cedar county, where the father purchased and improved what is now known as the Tucker farm. There the son was reared to manhood, early becoming familiar with the tasks that fall to the lot of the country lad as he assisted in the cultivation of the farm and continued to make it his home until the year 1867 when he came to Iowa township and here entered the business world on his own account, purchasing a farm of two hundred and twenty acres on sections 19 and 30. To the further improvement and development of this property he has since directed his energies and with the passing of years has brought his fields under a high state of cultivation. The land, which he originally purchased at an average of about forty dollars per acre, is now worth two hundred dollars per acre, a fact indicative of his wise management and careful direction as well as the progressive methods and keen business insight which he has manifested. With the cultivation of the fields he has also engaged in the stock business, and both the raising of cereals and the raising of stock are proving a source of gratifying annual remuneration. Possessing that spirit of energy and determination which must underlie all successful accomplishment, he has labored on from year to year, his persistent effort and untiring perseverance bringing him success, and the degree of prosperity to which he has attained ranks him among the substantial and prosperous agriculturists of Iowa township.

In 1867 Mr. Bailey laid the foundation for a happy home life by his marriage to Miss Angeline Whitacre, who was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, in February, 1848, and came to Iowa in 1856 with her parents, Martin and Sarah (Wickersham) Whitacre, also natives of Columbiana county. In the Hawkeye state the father passed away, while the mother, who passed her eighty-second birthday in May, 1910, still survives and makes her home with her daughter Mrs. Bailey. The latter, by her marriage, has become the mother of one son, Walter O. Bailey, whose birth occurred on the old homestead on the 14th of July, 1877. His entire life has been spent on this farm, the operation of which he is largely superintending. He wedded Annie Weise and unto them has been born a son, Philip Arthur Bailey. The subject of this review has in his possession photographs which show four generations in both the paternal and maternal lines.

Mr. Bailey holds membership in Silas Jackson Post, No. 255, G. A. R., at West Liberty, having enlisted for service in the Civil war at the age of eighteen years on the 10th of May, 1864, when he became a member of Company G, Forty-seventh Iowa Infantry, responding to the call for troops for one hundred days' service. Hostilities ceased, however, ere he had seen much active service. In politics he gives his support at the polls to the republican party, but has never sought nor desired offices, preferring to concentrate his attention upon his private

interests. He is not unmindful, however, of the duties and obligations of citizenship but has ever been interested in those measures which have tended to enhance the prosperity and promote the development of the community in which he resides. Modest and unassuming in manner, he has led a quiet life, his interests centering around happy home ties and pleasant friendships, his manly principles and sterling worth winning for him the esteem and good-will of his fellowmen.

HENRY CREES.

On the list of Cedar county's honored dead is found the name of Henry Crees whose life, exceeding the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, covered the period between the 27th of February, 1831, and the 19th of February, 1903. Born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, he was a son of John H. and Sarah (McLaughlin) Crees who, arriving in Cedar county in 1849, spent their remaining days here, the father in the meantime following the miller's trade. In their family were the following children: Nancy, residing in Iowa township; Henry, of this review; Thomas, Neely and Joel, all deceased; and Joseph, also of Iowa township.

As a little lad of six years Henry Crees left his native state, accompanying his parents on their removal to Wayne county, Ohio. Later they returned for a year to the Keystone state and then, in 1845, came to Iowa, locating in Jefferson county. The year 1849 witnessed their arrival in Cedar county, and here Henry Crees was reared to manhood. During the period of his boyhood and youth he attended the country schools in the acquirement of an education and when not busy with his text-books assisted his father in the work of the farm. His early training was broad and comprehensive, serving as a substantial foundation upon which to win success. Entering the business world upon his own account, he took up the occupation of farming and continued to devote his remaining days to that vocation. He became the owner of two hundred acres of rich land located on section 34, Iowa township, and also twenty acres of timber land about six miles north of his home farm. The farm had originally belonged to his father-in-law and under the well directed efforts of both was brought under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Crees was also a successful stock-raiser, this branch of his business proving an additional source of remuneration. A man of good business ability, he possessed that spirit of energy and determination which is so essential to the attainment of success, and the exercise of these qualities resulted in a degree of prosperity which ranked him among the substantial farmers of his locality.

It was in the month of October, 1859, that Mr. Crees was united in marriage to Miss Mary Walter, who was born in Belmont county, Ohio, September 27, 1839, a daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Michener) Walter, both natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. Walter, who was born in Chester county on the 17th of February, 1812, removed to Morgan county, Ohio, in 1839, and later, in 1852, to Whiteside county, Illinois, whence, in 1853, he came to Cedar county, Iowa. He passed away on the 10th of February, 1875, leaving a widow and eleven

children. Mrs. Walter, also born in Chester county, on the 12th of December, 1816, was a maiden of sixteen years when, in 1832, she accompanied her parents on their removal from Pennsylvania to Belmont county, Ohio. Four years later they removed to Harrison county and there, on the 11th of August, 1836, she gave her hand in marriage to Daniel Walter. Her death occurred on the 3d of March, 1900. In their family were the following children: James, of Mitchellville; Mary, the wife of Henry Crees; William, of California; John; Wilson, deceased; Louisa, the widow of Charles E. Buckman, of West Liberty; Joseph, residing in Mitchellville; Amy, the widow of Albert Bonsall, of Woodbine, Iowa; Milton, making his home in Montana; Phoebe, the wife of Ira McAninch, of Oklahoma; and Henrietta, who became the wife of A. H. Floyd, of West Liberty.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Crees was blessed with ten children, namely: John H., who passed away in infancy; George, a resident of Muscatine county; Ida May, the wife of Alva W. Wilson, of South Dakota; Willard Lee, of Iowa township; Anna Bell, who died when but nine months old; Nancy, the wife of W. W. Cary, of Rochester township; Amy, who became the wife of C. L. Aikins, of Iowa township, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume; Herbert and Chester, operating the home farm; and Nelly Blanch, at home.

Mr. Crees was an earnest and faithful member of the Presbyterian church from 1873 until the time of his death, in the work of which he was ever actively and helpfully interested. In politics he was an active worker in the local ranks of the democratic party, giving stanch support to its principles and doing everything in his power to further its influence in this locality. A man whose interests were ever thoroughly identified with those of his country, he was loyal in citizenship, honorable in business, kindly in action and true to every trust confided to his care, and his life was ever the highest type of Christian manhood. It was a matter of deep regret, therefore, when, on the 19th of February, 1903, news was received of his demise, and with his passing Cedar county lost one of its valued and useful citizens.

CHARLES H. KENT.

Charles H. Kent, who has won prosperity through his well-directed efforts as a farmer and stock-raiser, his home being a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 5 and 6, Massillon township, was born August 5, 1860, in the township where he yet resides. He represents one of the early families of the county, his parents being J. M. and Mary (Ferguson) Kent, both of whom were natives of Ohio. They removed from the Buckeye state to La Salle county, Illinois, thence coming to Iowa.

Charles H. Kent was reared upon the farm which is yet his home and bore his share in the work of early development and improvement here. The common schools afforded him his educational privileges and when not busy with his text-books he aided in the work of the fields. Later he took charge of the home farm, his previous practical training well equipping him for the duties

that devolved upon him in that connection. As a companion and helpmate for life's journey he chose Miss Jane Jeffrey, to whom he was married in Massillon township on the 28th of November, 1883. She was born and reared in that township and as boy and girl they attended school together, the acquaintance of their early youth ripening into a love that was consummated in marriage twenty-seven years ago.

For a year or two after their marriage Mr. Kent continued upon the home farm and then rented another place near by for three years. He afterward purchased the interest of the other heirs in the old home property, which he yet retains. He has always made necessary repairs, has built a good barn and keeps everything in excellent condition. He has tiled much of the land, thus enhancing its productiveness. Substantial improvements have been made and all the accessories and conveniences of a model farm are here found. Mr. Kent has also purchased ten acres of timber land. He annually harvests good crops as a reward for the careful cultivation of his fields, and he also raises high grade shorthorn cattle, Chester White hogs and good horses.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kent have been born eight children: Oscar E., who is married and has secured a homestead claim near Lewiston, Montana; Bessie, a music teacher; Blanch, at home; Elmer A., who assists in carrying on the home farm; Inez May; Raymond M.; Howard Marshall; and Clifford Leroy, who died in March, 1902, in his thirteenth year.

The family are well known in this part of Clinton county and the members of the household occupy an enviable position in the social circles in which they move. In his political views Mr. Kent is a republican and has served as school director but otherwise has never sought nor desired office. He prefers to concentrate his energies and time upon his business affairs, and his life exemplifies the strong and salient qualities of the successful farmer who realizes that unremitting care and attention and unfaltering industry are the basis of all honorable success.

ROMEO TRACHT.

Romeo Tracht, who has made his home in Tipton for the past seven years, still gives his supervision to his fine farm of three hundred and twenty-five acres on section 19, Center township. His birth occurred in Galion, Crawford county, Ohio, on the 15th of February, 1850, his parents being Adam and Ann (Beech) Tracht, natives of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. The father, who was brought to the United States when but seven years of age, was married in Ohio and there spent the remainder of his life, passing away on a farm in Williams county, that state, when seventy-four years old. He was twice married, the demise of his first wife occurring in Williams county in 1857 at the comparatively early age of thirty-one years and ten months. By his first marriage Adam Tracht had two children, namely: Romeo, of this review; and Margaret, who died in Mills county, Iowa. By his second wife he had four children.

ROMEO TRACHT

MRS. ROMEO TRACHT

When five or six years of age Romeo Tracht accompanied his parents on their removal to Williams county, Ohio, and was there residing at the time he enlisted for service in the Civil war in March, 1865, becoming a member of Company H, One Hundred and Ninety-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Zeering. His regiment was attached to the Army of the Potomac and he remained a loyal Union soldier until the close of hostilities, being mustered out in August. Returning home, he remained in Williams county until August, 1867, and then came to Cedar county, Iowa, here working as a farm hand by the month for one year. He next farmed in the vicinity of Stanwood until a year after his marriage and then went to Pottawattamie county, Iowa, where he followed general agricultural pursuits for three years. On the expiriation of that period he returned to this county and has here been actively engaged in the work of the fields to the present time, owning a well improved and productive farm of three hundred and twenty-five acres on section 19, Center township, four miles south of Tipton. For the past seven years, however, he has made his home in Tipton, going back and forth to his farm each day. He lives in a comfortable and attractive residence on Fourth street, having purchased the dwelling as soon as it was erected. He likewise owns a half section of land in Hamilton county, Kansas, and is widely recognized as one of the substantial and representative citizens of the community. His cash capital amounted to but three dollars when he arrived in this county and the prosperity which he now enjoys is entirely the result of his untiring industry and indefatigable energy.

On the 7th of March, 1872, Mr. Tracht was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Simmermaker, who was born in Crawford county, Ohio, on the 11th of July, 1854, her parents being George and Aley Elizabeth (Henderson) Simmermaker. The father, a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, came to this country with an older brother, Philip, in 1833, locating in Washington county, Pennsylvania. The following spring they took up their abode on a farm near Galion, Crawford county, Ohio, there residing until 1854, when they brought their respective families to Cedar county, Iowa. George Simmermaker followed blacksmithing in early manhood but later turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, owning and operating a farm of one hundred and sixty acres four miles south of Tipton until the time of his death, which occurred on the 6th of October, 1908, when he had attained the age of eighty-two years. It was while living in Ohio that he wedded Miss Henderson, who passed away in 1861 when but twenty-nine years of age. They were the parents of five daughters, as follows: Mary Belle, who is now the wife of T. J. Knott, of Corning, Iowa; Ann Eliza, the wife of G. W. Barkley, of Huron, South Dakota; Mrs. Tracht; Emma, who died when six years of age; and Margaret A., the wife of Sheldon Mathews, of Villisca, Iowa. Mrs. Tracht, who was but three months old when brought to this county by her parents, resided on her father's farm until the time of her marriage. She was the mother of the following children: George Edwin, who passed away in 1904 at the age of thirty-one years; Alvah Burton, of Tipton; Ida Ellen, who died when twenty years of age; Arthur Allen, of Tipton; Sumner Waldo, who resides in Haxton, Colorado; Omer, living in Howard county, Iowa; Samuel Dewalt, who makes his home in Walla Walla, Washington; and Farrell Everett, who is still under the parental roof.

When twenty-one years of age Mr. Tracht joined the Reformed church and has since held membership therein, his wife and children being also identified therewith. He still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in William Beaver Post, No. 110, G. A. R. He is a gentleman of genial disposition and courteous manner and has other sterling qualities which command the friendship and regard of those with whom he is brought in contact. His entire life has been guided by the most honorable prinicples and his self-reliance and unfaltering industry, combined with his integrity, constitute the salient features in his prosperity.

WILLIAM A. FERGUSON.

William A. Ferguson, who is now living retired in Tipton, has spent his entire life in Cedar county, his birth occurring January 21, 1860, on the farm in Red Oak township which his father entered from the government in the winter of 1837, and he is a worthy representative of one of the oldest and most prominent pioneer families of this section of the state, being a son of John and Jeannette (Fairchild) Ferguson. His father was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, October 31, 1804, and was a typical Highlander, talking the Gaelic language. He grew to manhood in his native land and in early life was a cattle and sheep raiser. It was in 1831 that he crossed the ocean to New York and for three years made his home in the Empire state, working upon a farm. He then removed to Indiana and in company with John Safley and Charles Dallas started for Iowa with ox-teams in 1836, crossing the Mississippi river at Rockingham about the 10th of September of that year. On reaching the grove about two miles below Moscow they stopped for the winter, where all were taken ill with the exception of Mr. Ferguson and his wife. While there he cut hay for his cattle, but this was all destroyed by the prairie fires which occurred later. They then returned to Illinois and passed the winter at Hendersonville, but in January, 1837, Mr. Ferguson again came to Iowa and, after stopping at his first location for a short time, proceeded to Red Oak township, Cedar county, where he located three claims, on his way back paying twenty-five cents each to have them recorded. There was only one settler in the township at that time. In 1837 in company with Mr. Safley and Mr. Dallas he again came to the county and located upon his claim, being the first foreigner to settle in this county. The family experienced all of the hardships and privations of pioneer life and before a mill was established ground their corn in a coffee mill, Mr. Ferguson securing the first grist that came from a mill in Cedar county. Later a mill was erected by him and William Coutts. Mr. Ferguson raised hogs and during the winter carried the dressed pork to market in Dubuque, a distance of seventy-five miles, through the wilderness where no roads had been laid out and crossing rivers where no bridges had been erected. At one time his wagon stuck in a stream with a load of grist and he had to carry the entire amount out on his back, wading in cold water. At one time, on one of these trips, he passed a pack of wolves, numbering over fifty, but none of the

party were attacked. Indians often visited his home in those early days and wild game of all kinds was plentiful.

John Ferguson married Miss Isabella Starak, also a native of Scotland, who died in 1847. By that union there were four children, namely: Hugh, who died several years ago in Louisiana, leaving a wife and large estate; Mrs. Anna Rogers, who died in the state of Washington; Mrs. Mary Davidson, a resident of that state; and Mrs. Margaret Greig, of Clarence, Iowa. For his second wife Mr. Ferguson wedded Jeannette Fairchild, the mother of our subject. She was also born in Scotland and died in Tipton. Their union was blessed with eight children, as follows: John, who died in middle life, was a druggist of Tipton for a number of years, carrying on business where the City National Bank is now located, the building having been erected by his father. He married Ella Culbertson, who passed away before his death. She was a daughter of John Culbertson, one of the pioneer merchants of Tipton and a very prominent man of Cedar county. Mrs. C. E. Jones, the second of the family, was educated at Lenox College and the Valparaiso (Ind.) State Normal. She was for many years a successful teacher in the graded schools of Tipton and is now following the same profession in Chicago. Mrs. Nellie J. Woods is a resident of Cedar Rapids. Isabelle is the wife of James Albright, of Lake Andes, South Dakota. James D., a farmer, died in 1898, leaving a widow and three children. William A., whose name introduces this sketch, is the next in order of birth. Mrs. Alice Ely is also a teacher in Chicago. She was educated in the Morrison (Ill.) high school and at Mount Carroll Seminary in that state. Clara, the youngest of the family, was graduated from the Mount Carroll Seminary and pursued a medical course in Chicago, continuing her preparation for the profession at Vienna, Austria. For several years she was connected with the Cook County Institution at Dunning but is now engaged in the general practice of medicine in Chicago.

The father was a large and powerful man, of fine physique, and in his younger years was considered the strongest man in his community. He was also regarded as the leader of the Scotch settlement in Red Oak township, which has made its presence ever felt throughout the county. These Scotchmen have always been extremely honest and industrious and there has never been a criminal or pauper come from Red Oak township. Mr. Ferguson was very active in political affairs and exerted a wide felt influence for good. He was an earnest and faithful member of the Scotch Presbyterian church and was held in the greatest respect by all who knew him. He was honored with several local offices and it is needless to say that any trust reposed in him was always faithfully fulfilled. He was a great lover of music and was the first violinist on this side of the Mississippi river, bringing his violin from Scotland and playing all of the popular old Scotch airs. He played remarkably well, even when passed the age of seventy years. His useful and well spent life was ended in September, 1884, and his death was widely and deeply mourned.

William A. Ferguson was reared to agricultural pursuits and on starting out in life for himself chose farming as the occupation to which he would devote his energies. He is still the owner of the old homestead in Red Oak

township, which he successfully operated for many years, but in 1903 removed to Tipton, where he now makes his home. In 1885 he was united in marriage to Miss Ada Williams, whose birth occurred in Red Oak township in 1865. Her parents were Theodore and Susan (Lindsay) Williams, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Scotland. They were married after coming to this county and spent much of their lives in Red Oak township, though both died in Tipton. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson have one son, John, now eighteen years of age, who is attending the high school here.

Mr. Ferguson, like his father, is a stalwart supporter of the republican party and a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. His father was one of the organizers of the first church of that denomination in Cedar county, it being located in Red Oak township but is now extant. For many years the family has been one of prominence here and no history of Cedar county would be complete without their record.

M. B. WATERS.

M. B. Waters is a well known resident of Springdale township, being the proprietor of the Greenwood Stock Farm on section 33. His early home was in Ohio, for he was born in Belmont county, that state, on the 10th of December, 1842, and is a son of William B. and Edmonia (Hogue) Waters. The former was born and reared in Baltimore, Maryland, and was the son of an Englishman who died when William was quite young, leaving two sons. At an early age the father of our subject learned the carpenter's trade and continued to follow that occupation throughout his active business life, his death occurring at the home of his youngest daughter in Bethany, West Virginia. His wife was a native of Belmont county, Ohio, and was residing there at the time of her death. Her parents were among the pioneers of that county, being from Loudoun county, Virginia. Our subject is the eldest in a family of seven children, the others being: Mrs. Sarah A. Gardner, now a resident of Moville, Iowa; Wilber E., who is engaged in the raising of fine stock in Brookings county, South Dakota; Mrs. Sina M. Yocum, of Omaha, Nebraska; Modora, who was a great singer, and died unmarried; Mrs. Adele Moore, of Bethany, West Virginia; and Eli H., who has engaged in the practice of medicine in Nebraska for many years, but is now developing an orange grove at Santa Ana, California.

In the state of his nativity M. B. Waters grew to manhood and, on starting out in life for himself worked by the month from the time he was eleven years of age until he entered the army during the Civil war, his home being at Lloydsville, Ohio. He responded to the first call for three years' men, in August, 1861, becoming a member of Company E, Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Tennessee. He remained in the service until November, 1864, participating in the battles of Shiloh, Stone River, Iuka and Chickamauga, besides many minor engagements. At Chickamauga he became ill with the typhoid fever and was in the field hospital at Nashville for some time

but was afterward transferred to other hospitals in Indiana and Ohio. When convalescent he joined the Invalid Veteran Reserve Corps and afterward was on duty guarding prisoners most of the time. He was honorably discharged in November, 1864, and returned home.

On the 20th of February, 1864, Mr. Waters left his native state and started westward, arriving in Springdale, Iowa, on the 21st of the following March. He had brought with him four horses which he rode and led, receiving fifty cents per day for bringing them to Cedar county, as they belonged to another. During the first year of his residence here he engaged in farming upon rented land, receiving a fourth of the crops in payment for his services. After his marriage in December, 1865, he commenced farming upon a forty-acre tract, which his father-in-law had given him, and as time passed he steadily prospered and was able to add to his property until he had one hundred and seventy-six acres of land in Muscatine county. This he sold in 1884 and in the spring of 1885 came to Cedar county and purchased his present farm of three hundred acres in Springdale township. He has since extended the boundaries of his place and today has three hundred and forty-eight acres on sections 32 and 33, known as the Greenwod Stock Farm. He has always given considerable attention to the raising of fine stock, having for forty years raised Hambletonian horses and has also given considerable attention to Norman horses for a number of years. He raises double standard polled Hereford cattle and in the spring of 1910 sold eighty head of registered stock. He has bought thousands of bushels of corn but has never sold any until the last two years, as all of his crops have been fed to his stock. He is a progressive, energetic business man and is widely known throughout this section of the country as a most reliable farmer and stock-raiser.

It was on the 26th of December, 1865, that Mr. Waters was united in marriage to Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, who was born on section 6, Wapsie township, Muscatine county, Iowa, December 5, 1844, her parents being Samuel and Esther (Tuvis) Hendrickson. Her father was a native of Holmes county, Ohio, while her mother was born in Michigan. It was in 1836 that Mr. Hendrickson came to Iowa and settled in Muscatine county, where he entered land and continued to reside thereon until two years prior to his death, owning and operating three hundred acres. He was three times married, the mother of Mrs. Waters being his first wife, by whom he had seven children, five of whom reached years of maturity. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Waters have been born ten children, five sons and five daughters, namely: Maggie, now the wife of Benhard Marticke of Goshen township, Muscatine county; Mrs. Mollie Smith, deceased; William S., who is engaged in the meat and stock business in West Liberty, Iowa; Ida, the wife of A. E. Barnes, a farmer living near Iowa City; Ella, the wife of Henry Mosier, a farmer living near West Liberty; Hallie O., of Iowa City; Fred E.; Sherman, a farmer of Hazleton, Iowa; Frank, also a farmer of Hazleton, Iowa; and Wilber W., a farmer of Springdale township. The children were all born in Muscatine county with the exception of the youngest, whose birth occurred on the present farm of our subject, and the four youngest daughters have all engaged in teaching school.

Mr. Waters is by birthright a member of the Society of Friends and is a man who commands the confidence and esteem of all with whom he is brought in contact, either in business or social life. Coming to this state in limited circumstances, the success that has come to him is but the just reward of his own untiring efforts and good management.

E. F. JOCKHECK.

For a long period E. F. Jockheck was closely associated with the farming interests of Iowa, but since 1883 has lived retired. Aside from effort put forth in his own behalf, however, he has done effective work for the public welfare, cooperating in many measures that have been of inestimable value to the community. He is now eighty-two years of age, enjoying excellent health, and he keeps in touch with the progress of the times, wide reading promoting his familiarity with the leading questions and issues of the day.

He is one of the worthy citizens that Germany has furnished to this country, his birth having occurred in Westphalia, August 25, 1828. His parents were Johann Frederick and Anna Maria Elizabeth (Stasing) Jockheck, who were likewise natives of Germany. The father died in 1832 and the mother in 1845, so that E. F. Jockheck was but a lad in his teens when left an orphan. His education was acquired in the schools of Germany, which he attended to the age of fourteen years, when he began working upon a farm, being thus employed until after he had attained his majority, when he came to the United States. From the 16th of November, 1849, until the 1st of June, 1851, he worked in a sugar refinery in New Orleans and through the succeeding four years was employed in a soap factory in Quincy, Illinois. He removed from the latter city to St. Louis, where for one year he was employed in a soap factory owned by Anheuser, the great beer manufacturer.

Mr. Jockheck reached Davenport, Iowa, on the 5th of May, 1856, and for a year worked in a sawmill or at anything that he could get to do in that city; but the desire to engage in business on his own account led him to rent land and thus he began farming in Scott county in 1857, there remaining for six years, during which period he carefully saved his earnings until his capital was sufficient to enable him to purchase land. In 1863 he broke prairie and leased one hundred and sixty acres for four crops, thus gaining a start, and in 1864 raised twenty-seven hundred bushels of wheat, fourteen hundred bushels of barley and an extra crop of oats, corn, potatoes and onions. He then bought one hundred and thirty-seven acres of wild prairie in Muscatine county and broke the sod with oxen. He also built a house and barn upon the place and otherwise improved the farm, making it his home until 1883, when he retired and removed to Durant. In the meantime he diligently prosecuted the farm work, rotating his crops and utilizing modern methods in carrying on the work of the fields, so that his labors were crowned with substantial success and he became the possessor of a comfortable competence, enabling him to live a retired life. When he set sail for the United States he had eleven dollars in South American money, which in New

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Orleans he changed into the currency of this country. He has been a hard worker and more than ordinarily successful, and as the years have gone by he has purchased property from time to time, while his generous spirit has been manifest in the gift of one hundred and sixty acres of land to each of his children. He still owns valuable property, from which he derives a substantial annual income.

Mr. Jockheck was married in New Orleans, on the 22d of December, 1850, to Miss Sophia Steinhagen, who was born in Germany, November 11, 1827, and came to America in 1849. They have five living children, namely: Mary, the wife of Ferd Peterson, of Cedar county; Emma, who is the wife of George Hamann and likewise resides in this county; John L., who is a resident of Sioux City, Iowa; Louisa, who is the widow of Louis Moeller and makes her home in Scott county, Iowa; and Ernest F., living in Durant, Iowa.

While Mr. Jockheck has won success in business and has given much time to the promotion of his own interests, he has yet found opportunity for cooperation in public affairs and his section of the county has profited much by his efforts. He has taken an active part in many works of a public nature. He helped build the first bridges at Walcott, Iowa, hauling the timbers for fifty miles. In 1865 he organized school district No. 7 in Blue Grass township, Scott county, and built the schoolhouse. The cause of education has ever found in him a warm and helpful friend and for four years he efficiently served as president of the school board in Fulton township, Muscatine county. Since living in Durant he has served for the past ten years as justice of the peace and for one year he was street commissioner and for one year mayor of the city, exercising his official prerogatives at all times in support of measures of progress and reform. He has been a lifelong democrat and had a personal acquaintance with Stephen A. Douglas. In 1900 Mr. and Mrs. Jockheck celebrated their golden wedding and if both live to December, 1910, they will have traveled life's journey together for sixty years—a record seldom paralleled. Both are still enjoying excellent health and it is the wish of their friends that they may be spared for many years to come. Mr. Jockheck keeps in touch with the movement of the times and is a well informed man who reads much, while his mind is as clear as it was fifty years ago.

C. L. RICHMANN.

C. L. Richmann, operating an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 6, Springfield township, claims Germany as the land of his birth, for it was in that country that he first opened his eyes to the light of day in 1863. His parents, Fred and Minnie Richmann, who took up their abode in Cedar county, Iowa, in 1867, passed away many years ago.

C. L. Richmann was but four years of age when brought to this county by his parents and has remained within its borders continuously since. General agricultural pursuits have claimed his attention throughout his entire business career and have proved a gratifying source of remuneration to him. He now operates his wife's farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 6, Springfield

township, and the well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

About 1892 Mr. Richmann was united in marriage to Mrs. Emma Miller, nee Kreinbring, by whom he has four children, namely: Mattie, Gustie, Edna and Elvin. By her first husband, Louis Miller, Mrs. Richmann likewise had four children, three of whom are yet living: Edward, Paulina and Hugo.

Mr. Richmann is a stalwart democrat in politics but has never sought nor desired office. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Evangelical church at Lowden, with which his wife is also identified. The period of his residence in Cedar county covers more than four decades and he is widely recognized as one of its substantial and representative citizens.

HERMAN P. THEDE.

The younger generation of farmers is making its presence known all over the country and Cedar county claims not a few stanch young men who grew up on the farm and are now flourishing at a business in which their fathers gained a fortune. While there are other branches of industry that possess attractions for ambitious young men, none has the stability of the farm and it is a growing conviction that the farmer's son, who has the consent of his mind to continue in the work which he learned as a boy, is in a great majority of instances much more fortunate than the one who seeks some other field, unless the latter possesses marked talents for other lines. Among the members of the younger generation of farmers in Cedar county who have attained commendable success may be named Herman P. Thede, now the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Farmington township, which possesses all the modern improvements recognized in the best agricultural communities.

Mr. Thede was born in Muscatine county, Iowa, November 7, 1875. He is a son of Juergen Thede, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work, and Maria Catherine (Broders) Thede. He was educated in the district schools of Cedar county and after leaving the common schools became a student in the high school at Durant and also at Wilton, later taking a course at Duncan's Business College, Davenport, Iowa. For five years Mr. Thede was identified with the mercantile business in Davenport and Durant and showed a capacity and adaptability that speak well for the education which he received. Coming into possession of one hundred and sixty acres of the old homestead in Farmington township, including the buildings, he has devoted his attention to agriculture and stock-raising and is recognized by his associates as one of the wide-awake and successful agriculturists in a region where the art is carried to a very high degree of perfection. He is known as a good general farmer, and no young man in the township is better acquainted with the resources of the farm and the demands of an ever changing market. He is an observer, a reader and a student and is well informed not only concerning the various phases of agriculture but of the progress of the world and is a consistent advocate of education as one of the great blessings of life, having in his own experience discovered its beneficial effects.

On February 16, 1899, Mr. Thede at Davenport, Iowa, took unto himself a life companion, the lady of his choice being Miss Anna Kuehl, who was born in Germany and is a daughter of Hans and Catherine Kuehl, of Durant. Three children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Thede: Donald G., Rudolph A. and Herbert H.

Mr. Thede politically is allied with the republican party and is in full sympathy with its principles of progressiveness and protection to industries that otherwise would not be able to meet foreign competition. He is now fairly at the beginning of an active and useful career and has the qualities which in the opinions of his friends will lead to gratifying success.

AUGUST MEYER.

August Meyer, a prosperous and progressive farmer and stock-raiser of Springfield township, is the owner of two hundred and twenty acres of valuable land within a half mile of Lowden. His birth occurred on the Atlantic ocean on the 13th of May, 1864, while his parents were enroute from Germany to America, the vessel being about half way between the two countries when he first opened his eyes to the light of day. His parents, Joachim and Catharine Marie (Corse) Meyer, were both natives of the province of Hanover, Germany, the former born in 1836 and the latter on the 30th of August, 1830. After landing in the United States the father made his way to Illinois, where he worked as a farm hand for two years. On the expiration of that period he came to Lowden, Iowa, and secured employment with Peterson Brothers, general merchants of that place. While still in their service he was killed by a runaway team, leaving our subject fatherless when not yet five years of age. His widow, who long survived him, passed away in Lowden on the 5th of July, 1904.

August Meyer attended the village school at Lowden in the acquirement of an education but put aside his text-books at an early age in order that he might assist his widowed mother in providing for the support of the family. He made his first business venture in association with his brother Fred, the two young men operating a rented farm of one hundred and eighty acres east of Lowden for two years. Subsequently they rented a tract of one hundred and sixty acres and cultivated the same for three years. Fred Meyer was then married and our subject worked for him until such time as he was enabled to buy land of his own, first coming into possession of a tract of one hundred and forty acres. Later he made an additional purchase of one hundred acres situated a half mile east of Lowden. When the boundaries of that town were extended to include a portion of his farm he sold twenty acres for building purposes, so that his holdings now embrace but two hundred and twenty acres. The property is very rich and productive and is equipped with all modern improvements. In addition to his home farm he owns ten acres of timber land in this county. General agricultural pursuits have claimed his attention throughout his entire business career and in connection with the tilling of the

soil he has also been engaged in stock-raising, finding both branches of activity congenial as well as profitable.

On the 19th of December, 1890, Mr. Meyer was united in marriage to Mrs. Hannah Daehn, the widow of Herman Daehn, of Lowden. They now have seven children, as follows: Frieda, whose birth occurred June 1, 1892; Alma, whose natal day was September 24, 1894; Walter, born October 30, 1895; Herbert, who was born February 14, 1897; Hugo, whose birth occurred on the 27th of May, 1898; Bernhard, born September 16, 1899; and August C., who first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 26th of September, 1901. The mother is a woman of more than ordinary intelligence and culture and enjoys the high regard and esteem of all who know her.

Mr. Meyer is a democrat in politics and has long been an active worker in the local ranks of his party. For the past fifteen years he has served as school director and also as township trustee, holding those positions at the present time. He and his family attend the services of the Lutheran church at Lowden. In the county where practically his entire life has been spent Mr. Meyer is well known and highly esteemed as a representative agriculturist and valued citizen.

DAVID RHOADS.

David Rhoads, who is now living practically retired on his fine farm on section 36, Pioneer township, was for many years prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Cedar county, owning and operating four hundred acres of valuable land. He dates his residence in this county from 1856 and is therefore largely familiar with its annals from pioneer times down to the present.

His birth occurred in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, on the 23d of September, 1833, and there he was reared to manhood on a farm. He learned the bricklayer's trade and worked at that occupation for nine years. In 1856, when a young man of twenty-three years, he came west to Cedar county, Iowa, and in March, 1860, was married to Miss Anna Mary Heneks, likewise a native of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. Her father, John Heneks, came to this country from Pennsylvania about 1854.

Following his marriage Mr. Rhoads located on section 36, Pioneer township, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he prepared for cultivation and farmed in association with his brother, Edwin Rhoads, for three years. On the expiration of that period he sold out to his brother and bought one hundred and sixty acres of the farm on which he now resides, forty acres of the tract having been broken. Turning his attention to its further development and improvement, he eventually brought the fields under a high state of cultivation and, as his financial resources increased, extended the boundaries of the farm by additonal purchase until it embraced four hundred acres. He erected a substantial two-story residence, two large barns, set out a grove and orchard and fenced and tiled his land. In addition to

cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he also raised and fed stock, both branches of his business proving profitable. At the present time, however, he is not actively engaged in the work of the fields, having divided most of his land among his children.

By his first wife, who passed away in 1867, Mr. Rhoads had four children, namely: Wilbert C., an agriculturist of Cass county, Iowa; Charles E., who is mentioned on another page of this work; John C., a resident of South Dakota; and Frank, deceased. In 1872 Mr. Rhoads was again married, his second union being with Miss Catherine Armentrout, who was born and reared in Ohio and came to Iowa when a young lady. Their home was blessed with seven children, the record of whom is as follows: Samuel, the oldest, now follows farming in Cedar county. David, a resident of Cedar Rapids, is likewise an agriculturist by occupation. Harry is the next in order of birth. Joseph is engaged in business at Cedar Rapids. Herman died June 18, 1892, at the age of fifteen years. Eugene, whose birth occurred July 17, 1879, was reared on the home farm and supplemented his preliminary education, obtained in the common schools, by a course of study at Mechanicsville. He has always remained with his father and is now the owner of two hundred acres of the old homestead place. As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life he chose Miss Amanda Spencer, a native of Cedar county, by whom he has a daughter, Mildred Inez. Anna Rhoads gave her hand in marriage to Cecil Overbaugh, a farmer of this county.

Mr. Rhoads is a stanch republican in politics and has supported every nominee at the head of the party since casting his first presidential ballot for John C. Fremont in 1856. He has capably served in the capacity of supervisor and township trustee and has been sent as a delegate to numerous conventions. He has likewise done effective service for the cause of education and is widely recognized as a most public-spirited and valued citizen. In religious belief he is a Quaker, having been reared in that faith. He has now passed the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey and his career has ever been such that he can look back over the past without regret and forward to the future without fear.

HENRY KROEGER.

Henry Kroeger has lived a quiet, uneventful life but his success proves his industry, careful management and perseverance. He was long connected with the farming interests of Cedar county but is now living retired in Durant. He was born in Holstein, Germany, September 15, 1831, a son of Henry and Angie Kroeger, who were likewise natives of that country. The common schools afforded him his educational privileges and when twenty-one years of age he came to the United States, courageously facing a new situation and conditions in the hope that he might find better business opportunities here.

Mr. Kroeger made his way at once to Davenport, Iowa, and for some years thereafter worked at farm labor, on the railroads and in fact at anything that he could get to do to make an honest dollar. He was industrious and diligent and for thirteen years he was employed by other people. At the end of that time he felt that he saw an opportunity for the advancement of his own interests and rented land in Scott county. Thus he began farming on his own account. In 1880 he removed to Cedar county and with the money which he had saved from his earnings he purchased an improved tract of land of eighty acres in Farmington township. There he lived until 1904, when he retired and removed to Durant, where he now occupies a comfortable home. In the meantime he had placed many improvements upon his farm and the settlement of the county had also promoted its value, so that in 1906 he was able to sell the property for one hundred and twenty-five dollars per acre.

Mr. Kroeger was married in Davenport, in 1865, to Miss Meta Wulf, who was born in Germany, August 20, 1847, and was six years of age when she came to America with her parents, James and Lizzie Wulf, who spent their last days in Durant. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kroeger have been born fourteen children but sorrow has come often to them as death has claimed their children one by one. Only four of the number are now living, namely: Annie, the wife of Hans Jensen, of Farmington township; Mary, who is the wife of Herman Peters and resides in Ida county, Iowa; Henry, at home; and Ida, who is the wife of Fred Sturm, of Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Kroeger gives his political support to the democratic party. He has now reached the age of seventy-nine years and a review of his life shows that it has been an active and useful one, his success arising from his unfaltering diligence and unflagging determination.

MARTIN JOHNSON.

Martin Johnson, living on section 4, Fremont township, is one of the Civil war veterans. The old soldiers are fast passing away and the country cannot pay too large a tribute of praise to those who survive because of what they did for their country. In the great majority of cases, too, they have proven themselves worthy citizens in days of peace. Such has been the record of Martin Johnson, now numbered with the prosperous and progressive farmers and stock-raisers of Fremont township. He owns and cultivates one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 4, constituting a neat and well improved farm and since 1871 has been numbered among the settlers of Cedar county. His birth occurred in Morrow county, Ohio, January 8, 1843, and he was reared upon the home farm there to the age of seventeen years when his patriotism was aroused by the attempt of the south to overthrow the union and although but a boy, offered his services to the government in September, 1861, joining Company C of the Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, going to the front as a musician. He went south with his command and partici-

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pated in the battles of Shiloh, Mission Ridge, Chickamauga, and Stone River. There he was taken prisoner and after three weeks' incarceration in Libby prison was exchanged. He went again to his regiment, joining his comrades on the battlefield of Murfreesboro. He veteranized in the winter of 1864 and was granted a month's furlough, after which he returned home. He then went to the front again and served with his regiment until the close of the war, being mustered out at San Antonio, Texas, in the winter of 1865. Thus he was on active duty for four years and three months and then returned to Columbus, Ohio, where he was honorably discharged on the 28th of December, 1865.

Immediately afterward Mr. Johnson returned home and soon sought a home in the middle west. Coming to Ogle county, Illinois, he and his brother-in-law rented land, which they cultivated until 1871. In that year he went to Kansas, where he prospected and secured a location. Subsequently he returned to Iowa, where he established his permanent home. Here he purchased eighty acres of raw prairie land which he at once began to improve and develop. He built a small house and kept bachelor's quarters for a time. Later he bought eighty acres adjoining and the second tract was partially broken. Soon he planted the fields and in the course of time gathered good harvests. Subsequently he erected a commodious two-story dwelling, built two barns, corn cribs and other outbuildings. The place is fenced now with woven wire and is divided into fields of convenient size by fences that also protect the grain from the stock. An additional purchase of eighty acres in Jones county, which corners upon his home farm makes him the owner of two hundred and forty acres of valuable and productive land. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, as he started out in life empty-handed and his diligence and energy have been strong forces in his success. He likewise owns one hundred and sixty acres of prairie land in South Dakota and his holdings are the visible evidence of his life of well directed industry and thrift.

Mr. Johnson was married in Cedar county on the 16th of November, 1871, to Miss Clara A. Boyles, who was born in Pennsylvania, but was reared in Cedar county, her father, Jefferson Boyles, being one of the early settlers, who came to this county from Pennsylvania. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been born six children: Ira W., who is married and resides in South Dakota; Harry, who assists in the operation of the home farm; Della, the wife of J. T. Gilbert, living at Franklin Grove, Illinois; Augusta, the wife of J. Wilkins of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Elsie, who is with her sister, Mrs. Wilkins; and Minnie, who occupies a position in the business circles of Des Moines.

Mr. Johnson exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and is also a believer in the cause of temperance. The honors and emoluments of office, however, have had no attraction for him, as he has preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Mechanicsville, while he belongs to the Grand Army post at Stanwood. He is preeminently a business man, diligent and determined, his time and attention being given in undivided measure to his business affairs. In addition to tilling the soil he breeds shorthorn cattle and he has been engaged in dealing in that class of

stock for thirty years. He now has a herd of sixty head of pure blooded high grade shorthorns and he also raises Duroc Jersey hogs. He sells his cattle on the grass and all are in good order. He fattens a large number of hogs each year. In his business dealings he is meeting with prosperity, his judgment is seldom if ever at fault in matters relating to agricultural lines and in no business transaction has he ever been known to take advantage of the necessities of a fellowman. His is indeed a creditable record and his loyalty in citizenship as manifested in his youthful days, when he defended the union cause, have also characterized his later life.

JUERGEN THEDE.

Spending his youthful days among strangers and dependent upon his own labor for support from a very early age, Juergen Thede has become one of the substantial residents of Durant by reason of his unflagging industry, his unfaltering perseverance and his firm purpose. His record is an honorable and creditable one and his example may well be followed by others. He was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, September 6, 1835, a son of Claus and Christina (Kruse) Thede. The father died in Germany, after which the mother came to America and spent her last days in the home of a daughter in Crawford county, Iowa. Juergen Thede was educated in the common schools and at twenty-two years of age came to the United States, making his way direct to Davenport. For a year and a half he worked on a farm by the month, receiving a wage of eight dollars per month. In 1859 he went to New Orleans, where he was employed for a year and a half or until after the Civil war broke out. He made his way north on the last boat that came up the river before the blockade was declared and war was in progress. He afterward was employed at farm labor for a year in Scott county and all this time was acutated by the laudable ambition of engaging in business on his own account, to which end he carefully saved his earnings and utilized every opportunity for advancement.

He made arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage, on the 28th of February, 1862, to Miss Mary Catherine Broders, who was born in Holstein, Germany, April 23, 1836, a daughter of Jacob and Marguerite (Hansen) Broders. Her father died in Germany, after which his widow became the wife of Jochim Inbeck, with whom she came to America, spending her last days in Durant. Her daughter, Mrs. Thede, came to the United States with her brothers in 1861. She had been acquainted with Mr. Thede in the old country but had not heard anything of him for three years, although she knew he was in America somewhere. One day she met him on the road but did not recognize him until the man for whom he worked and with whom he was riding told her who he was. They renewed their acquaintanceship and in time were married.

After operating a rented farm of eighty acres for two years, Mr. Thede, in partnership with two of his brothers-in-law, purchased three eighty-acre tracts of land in Muscatine county. It was raw prairie, necessitating the arduous task

of breaking the sod. This was done and in 1864 they raised their first crop. The following year they divided their interests and Mr. Thede received his eighty-acre share, after which he built the first house on the place. With characteristic unfaltering energy he began the improvement of the farm and bought eighty acres more, making his home thereon until 1875, when he sold out and came to Farmington township, Cedar county, where he purchased and improved a farm of three hundred and twenty acres. This place had been settled long before but everything upon it was in a state of dilapidation. He began to fix it up according to the modern ideas of farming and lived thereon for fifteen years, transforming the place into a fine farm. He then retired and removed to Durant, occupying a neat home in the south part of the town. In the meantime he had added to his possessions as his financial resources increased and at the time he retired was the owner of six hundred and eighty acres of valuable land in Muscatine and Cedar counties. The first eighty acres he bought in Scott county at eight dollars per acre; in three years he bought another eighty-acre tract at twenty-eight dollars per acre and in 1875 he paid seventeen thousand dollars for three hundred and twenty acres in Cedar county. Since his retirement he has divided most of his property among his children. His success indicates his excellent business ability, his unfaltering diligence and his intelligent management of his affairs.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Thede have been born five children who are yet living, while three have passed away. The family record is as follows: Augusta, who died at the age of eighteen years and ten months; Henry W., who is mentioned on another page of this work; Christina, who passed away when but two years old; Mary, the wife of Gust Guemmer, of Cedar county; George, who likewise died at the age of two years; George F., an agriculturist of this county, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume; Herman P., who operates the old homestead farm and who is also represented elsewhere in this work; and John, a resident of South Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Thede were reared in the Lutheran faith but as there was no church of their denomination near their home in this locality, they have never united with another organization. During their early days they saw many hardships and practiced close economy. Following their marriage in two years they bought just two pounds of coffee, which at that time sold for fifty cents a pound and they felt they could not afford the luxury. They browned barley and corn and other cereals and from this made beverages which they substituted for coffee. While working on a boat on the Mississippi river they would dip up the very muddy water below St. Louis and let it settle, after which they used it for drinking and cooking purposes. Their limited financial resources made it necessary that they spend not a cent needlessly but, practicing the closest economy, they were at length able to gain a start and now, in the evening of life, they are able to enjoy many comforts and luxuries.

Mr. Thede has always given his political support to the democratic party and has served as school director, road supervisor and in other minor township offices. Both he and his wife are held in the highest esteem, enjoying the warm friendship of all with whom they have come in contact. They have both passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, Mr. Thede being now

seventy-five years of age, while his wife has reached the age of seventy-four They have traveled life's journey happily together for forty-eight years, sharing with each other its joys and sorrows, its adversity and prosperity, and their labors have received a fitting crown in the success which is now theirs.

JOHN SECOR.

The home of John Secor stands on section 14, Pioneer township, and his attention is there given largely to the breeding and sale of pure blooded Hereford cattle and Norman horses. His farm is three hundred acres in extent—a well kept property conveniently and pleasantly situated within a mile and a half of Mechanicsville. For more than a quarter of a century Mr. Secor has lived in Cedar county, arriving in 1883. He was born in Camden, Oneida county, New York, February 2, 1861, a son of Frank and Annette (Houghton) Secor. In early life he learned the tanner's trade which he followed for several years, but the outbreak of the Civil war put all thoughts from his mind save his duty to his country and he joined a New York regiment with which he went to the south, participating in numerous battles. He was killed in the battle of the Wilderness, thus laying down his life upon the altar of his country. His widow survived him for a long period and carefully reared her family. From the Empire state she removed westward to Ohio and later was married again in Pennsylvania, after which she went to Cleveland, Ohio, where she continued to make her home until her death in 1908. By her first marriage she had but two children, the daughter being Mrs. Clara Brumagin, now a resident of Cleveland.

The youthful days of John Secor were passed in Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania. He started out in life on his own account when but ten years of age and went into the pineries of Michigan when thirteen years of age, where he was employed for four years. He worked at anything that came to hand in Cleveland and elsewhere and the opportunities of the west proved the attraction that brought him to Iowa in 1883, at which time he joined an uncle in Jones county. He began working as a farm hand by the month and was thus employed for two years on the farm which he now owns. He rented it for eight years, during which time his careful expenditure and unfaltering industry brought him a capital that enabled him to purchase the place and he became the owner of three hundred acres constituting one of the valuable farm properties of this part of the county. He has since been busily engaged in cultivating and further improving the land and the evidences of his handiwork are seen in the splendidly kept buildings whereon the work of repair is never neglected. Two large barns, cribs and sheds have been built by him and the barn used for his horses has a cement floor. All the buildings have been erected with a view to the comfort of the animals and convenience in their care, while the latest improved machinery is used to facilitate the work of the fields. For twenty years he has been engaged in breeding and selling Hereford cattle and is a well known stock dealer. In 1909 he purchased a pure blooded Norman horse, one of the finest

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to be found in the breeding stables of eastern Iowa. He feeds a carload of steers each year and occasionally ships a load of hogs. His stock-raising interests are therefore extensive and constitute a very gratifying source of income.

On the 20th of February, 1884, in Pioneer township, Mr. Secor was married to Miss Flora Gleason, who was born and reared here and is a daughter of M. W. Gleason, one of the pioneer settlers of Cedar county, who came from New York, and the sister of F. K. Gleason, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. Unto this marriage has been born a son, Frank Secor, and a daughter, Grace, who died at the age of three years.

The political support of Mr. Secor is given to the republican party yet with independent tendencies he does not consider himself bound by party ties at local elections. For twelve years he has been identified with the schools and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. His life record is a creditable one and may well serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others. An eminent jurist once said: "Some men start out in life with the aid of influential friends; some aided by luck; others by inheritance; but the great majority commence life without a shilling." To the latter class Mr. Secor belonged. A boy of fourteen years, he faced the world and soon learned the lesson that industry constitutes the most potent weapon with which to attain victories in the business world. His indefatigable labor, therefore, has constituted the source of his success, which is of a most substantial character, placing him among the well known and leading breeders and dealers of pure blooded registered Hereford cattle and standard bred horses in Cedar county, his success making his name an honored one on commercial paper. His business industry, too, has ever stood as an unquestioned fact in his career and his life record proves that honesty is the best policy.

HENRY SCHNEEKLOTH.

Henry Schneekloth, the owner of a valuable and well improved farm of one hundred and fifty-five acres in Inland township, has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career and the success which has attended his efforts is ample proof of the fact that his choice of a vocation was a wise one. His birth occurred in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on the 23d of April, 1854, his parents being Henry and Marguerite Schneekloth, who were likewise natives of that country. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1869, settling at Durant, Cedar county, Iowa, where they continued to reside throughout the remainder of their lives. The family was in limited financial circumstances and after landing in this country the sons immediately secured employment in order that they might refund the money which had been borrowed to pay their passage to the new world. In their family were the following children: William, who is now a resident of Davenport; Christian, living in Sunbury, Cedar county; Claus, of Durant, this county; Henry, of this review; Philip, who likewise makes his home in Durant; Fred, who is deceased.

Henry Schneekloth, who was a youth of fifteen when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to America, first worked as a farm hand in this county for several years. Subsequently he devoted his attention to the cultivation of rented land until he had accumulated sufficient capital to enable him to buy a farm of his own. By his first purchase he came into possession of a tract of eighty acres in Inland township, on which stood a little shanty. As his financial resources increased he extended the boundaries of the farm by additional purchase until it now embraces one hundred and fifty-five acres of rich and productive land. As the years have gone by he has brought the place under a high state of cultivation and improvement and the buildings thereon now include a substantial residence and barns.

In 1875, in Cedar county, Mr. Schneekloth was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Saco, a native of Holstein, Germany. Unto them have been born ten children, namely: Lena, the wife of John Klahn, an agriculturist of Farmington township; Frank, who is married and lives in Inland township; Della, who is the wife of Herman Krebs and resides in Farmington township; Herman, who is married and makes his home in Inland township; Martha, the wife of Ernst Peterson, of Sunbury, Iowa; Ferdinand, an agriculturist of Inland township; Clara, the wife of Harry Bartscher, of Inland township; and Chrissie, Elsie and Viola, all at home.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Schneekloth has supported the men and measures of the republican party. He has held the office of school director but otherwise has not sought nor desired political preferment. He was reared in the Lutheran faith and is a devoted member of the church of that denomination. The period of his residence in Cedar county now covers more than four decades and he is well entitled to a place among its substantial agriculturists and representative citizens.

EDWARD SHOESTALL.

One of the most successful farmers and stockmen of Cedar county is Edward Shoestall, whose home is in Center township, adjoining the corporation limits of Tipton. He is one of the native sons of the county, his birth occurring in Fairfield township on the 27th of April, 1865, and his parents were Edward and Rosanna (Markle) Shoestall, who were born, reared and married in Pennsylvania. They continued to make their home in that state until coming to Iowa about 1850, at which time they took up their residence south of Tipton in Cedar county. Later they removed to a farm in Fairfield township, where the father died at the age of thirty-seven years. The mother is still living and now makes her home in Fort Madison, Iowa. Throughout life the father followed agricultural pursuits and just before his death purchased a farm. In his family were six children, namely: Albert; John, now a resident of Oklahoma; Joseph, of Nebraska; Mary, the wife of Henry Sutphin, of Fort Madison; Kate, the wife of Charles Curtis, of Nebraska; and Edward, of this review.

Our subject was only four years old when he lost his father and a year later the mother took her children to Clarence, where the family were reared. During his boyhood and youth he attended school and at an early age began his business career, working by the month as a farm hand at the age of fourteen years. He has always made his home in Cedar county with the exception of about a year and a half, and to agricultural pursuits he has devoted his time and energies. Success has crowned his efforts and he is today the owner of a very valuable and well improved farm of two hundred and twenty acres adjoining the corporation limits of Tipton in Center township and also has two hundred and forty acres in Linn county and one hundred and fifteen acres in Black Hawk county, Iowa.

In 1889 Mr. Shoestall was united in marriage to Miss Laura D. Winters, who was also born in Fairfield township, July 17, 1868, a daughter of David C. Winters, and they now have two children, Eva Ethel and Mabel Grace.

Mr. Shoestall has not confined his attention alone to agricultural pursuits but is one of the original stockholders in the Tipton Canning Company and is today a stockholder in the City National Bank of Tipton. He is also engaged in the stock business in partnership with J. W. Argo under the firm name of Argo & Shoestall and in all his undertakings has been remarkably successful. He takes a commendable pride in the prosperity that he has achieved, for it is due entirely to his own industry and good management. As an upright and reliable business man he has followed in the footsteps of his father, whose good name and credit assisted him on starting out in life for himself. Even after his father had been dead for ten or twelve years he was able to secure credit on account of being the son of Edward Shoestall, whose word was ever considered as good as his bond and whose integrity was never doubted. Our subject is a man of energy and progressive spirit and to these characteristics as well as to his honesty and business ability can be attributed his success.

HENRY NIERMEYER.

Henry Niermeyer, the owner of a highly improved and valuable farm of two hundred acres on section 9, Springfield township, has resided on his present place for thirty-seven consecutive years and his well directed labors as an agriculturist have been crowned with success. His birth occurred in Hanover, Germany, on the 2d of January, 1845, his parents being Fred and Bertha (Engle) Niermeyer, who passed away in that country. He was reared on a farm and attended the common schools of his native land in the acquirement of an education.

When a young man of twenty-eight, Mr. Niermeyer crossed the Atlantic to the United States, wishing to test the truth of the many favorable reports which he had heard concerning the opportunities of the new world. After landing on American shores he made his way direct to Cedar county, Iowa, purchasing and locating upon a tract of ninety acres on section 9, Springfield township. A

small house and a thatched-roof stable were the only buildings on the place, but he set resolutely to work and as the years have gone by has transformed it into a well improved and valuable property. As his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, he extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase until it now embraces two hundred acres. There are two sets of fine buildings on the property, providing ample shelter for grain and stock. The timber which originally covered a large portion of the tract has all been removed. Mr. Niermeyer has secured the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields and he annually gathers good harvests as a reward of the intelligence which he displays in the planting and cultivation of his crops.

In 1873, in Cedar county, Mr. Niermeyer was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Dirck, a native of Germany, who came to this country with her brother Fred. Unto them were born nine children, as follows: Henry and William, who are residents of Springfield township; Tillie, the wife of Henry Tierber, of Cedar county; Anna, who is the wife of Harry Thede and resides in Springfield township; Lena; Dena; Louise; and two who died in infancy.

Mr. Niermeyer is a stanch democrat in politics and has held the office of road supervisor. He keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and is widely recognized as a most public-spirited and loyal citizen. His life has at all times been in conformity with his professions as a member of the Evangelical church. He is numbered among those who left the fatherland to identify themselves with American life and institutions, who have pushed their way to the front and who are a credit alike to the land of their birth and that of their adoption.

JOHN WILLIAM NEBERGALL.

John William Nebergall, deceased, was one of the most prosperous farmers as well as one of the most prominent citizens of Cedar county. He was born in Nicholas county, West Virginia, on the 15th of July, 1857, and was a son of A. J. and Margaret (McCue) Nebergall, of whom extended mention is made in the sketch of Charles S. Nebergall on another page of this volume. Our subject passed the first five years of his life in the state of his nativity and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Cedar county, Iowa, arriving here in March, 1862. The family located in Center township, where he spent the remainder of his life with the exception of three years, which were devoted to farming in Shelby county, Iowa, where he removed two years after his marriage. Throughout life he devoted his time and attention to agricultural pursuits and in connection with general farming also engaged extensively in the raising of stock, feeding over one hundred head annually. He was also a breeder of registered Hereford cattle and found this branch of his business profitable. As time passed he added to his landed possessions until he became the owner of seven hundred and thirty acres of rich and valuable land in Center and Rochester townships. As he had nothing when starting out in life for himself, his pros-

perity was the evidence of a life of industry and good management and in all his undertakings he displayed excellent business ability and sound judgment.

In 1878 Mr. Nebergall was united in marriage to Miss Anna E. Fulwider, a native of this county, whose birth occurred May 18, 1858. Her parents are Anthony and Margaret (Ridenour) Fulwider, who are still residents of Sugar Creek township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Nebergall were born two sons, who are now numbered among the most progressive and systematic farmers and stock-raisers of this county. Charles Anthony, the elder, was born in Shelby county, Iowa, on the 15th of August, 1880, and now resides on the part of his father's estate which lies in Rochester township. He married Miss Nettie May Chapman, who was born in Cedar county, September 7, 1882, a daughter of Henry Chapman, and they have become the parents of four children, namely: William Henry, Lloyd Anthony, Verl Edgar and Anna Elizabeth. Floyd Edgar was born March 24, 1885, on the farm in Center township, Cedar county, where he now resides, it having been the old homestead. He was united in marriage to Miss Ethel May Nauman, who was born in Sugar Creek township, December 22, 1887, and is a daughter of Thomas Nauman. This union has been blessed with one child, John Thomas. The sons are now successfully operating their father's estate, in which their mother has a life interest, and besides this property, which will eventually become their own, Charles owns two hundred acres and Floyd a hundred and twenty-five acres in this locality. They are wide-awake, energetic young men, of good business ability, and are meeting with more than ordinary success in their undertakings. They devote considerable attention to the breeding of Hereford cattle and ship a large amount of stock to market every year.

After a useful and well spent life, Mr. Nebergall passed away in 1903, honored and respected by all who knew him. He took a very active and influential part in church work as a member of the South Bethel Methodist Episcopal church and was a man who commanded the confidence and high regard of all with whom he was brought in contact either in business or social life. His political affiliations were with the republican party. Since his death his widow has become the wife of Kirk Leverich and now makes her home in Rock Island, Illinois.

ALVA R. BRINK.

Alva R. Brink, carrying on general farming and stock-raising in Massillon township, is the owner of what is known as the Long View Farm, a tract of one hundred and twenty acres which has been brought under a high state of cultivation. The attractiveness of Cedar county as a place of residence is indicated by the fact that many of her native sons have remained within her borders, feeling that no better opportunities are offered elsewhere, and in fact statistics show that in its agricultural advantages, Iowa is second to no state.

Mr. Brink is one of the native sons, his birth having occurred August 8, 1866, on a farm adjoining his present place of residence. The days of his youth there passed and his experiences were those usual to the farm lad of the period, upon

whom rests the necessity of aiding in the development of a farm, while at the same time there comes to him the opportunity of attaining a good English education in the common schools. He remained with his father until he attained his majority and started out in life by working by the month as a farm hand. His early experience qualified him for the duties which have devolved upon him since he began farming on his own account.

On the 19th of December, 1894, in Oxford Mills, Jones county, Mr. Brink was married to Miss Susie Doty, who was born in Cedar county, Iowa, but was reared and educated at Oxford Mills. Her father, Hiram Doty, a native of Indiana, came to Iowa when a young man and was married here.

Mr. Brink, following his marriage, located on the farm where he now resides, having previously purchased the place. With unremitting diligence he has since devoted his energies to its cultivation along modern lines of progress and the improvements upon his farm indicate his practical and resultant methods. In the midst of the farm there now stands a large and attractive dwelling, two good barns, corn cribs and wind pump. He has also sunk a well ninety feet deep, so that he has a good supply of water for the stock. He has also fenced the place and none of the improvements of a model farm are lacking. Good horses, high grade shorthorn cattle and Chester White hogs are found in his pastures and feed lots, and the fields return rich and abundant harvests. He sells quite a large number of hogs each year.

Mr. and Mrs. Brink have one son, Roy H. The household is a hospitable one and the parents occupy an enviable social position. Politically, Mr. Brink is a republican, but aside from casting his ballot to indicate the harmony of his views with the principles of the party, he takes no active part in politics. He has served on the petit jury and on the school board for seven years, but otherwise has devoted his attention to private business affairs, and his close application contains the secret of the success which has made him the prosperous owner of the Long View Farm.

CHARLES C. SMITH.

Charles C. Smith, one of the leading farmers and representative citizens of Red Oak township, his home being on section 5, was born in Mechlenburg, Germany, March 9, 1846. His name was originally Carl Schmidt but after coming to America he changed the spelling to the English form which he now uses. His parents were John and Dorothea (Bebion) Smith, also natives of Germany. It was in the fall of 1854 that the father brought his family to America, the voyage being made on a sailing vessel which was nine weeks and three days in crossing the ocean. It was an American ship and most of the people on board spoke English but the Smith family were unable to understand them. Landing at New Orleans, they proceeded up the Mississippi river by boat to Rock Island. They then walked as far as Cedar Bluffs, Iowa, looking for a location and the father finally purchased forty acres of land in Cass township, Cedar county, which is still in possession of the family. The father was successful in his farm-

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES C. SMITH

ing operations, becoming the owner of a good farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Fremont township. He was born in 1810 and died on the old homestead in 1881, while his wife, who was born in 1813, passed away at the extreme old age of ninety-three years and six months. Their children were: Henrietta, the deceased wife of Jacob Kuntz; Charles C., of this review; and Augusta, the deceased wife of Jacob Shawver.

Charles C. Smith was but eight years of age when the family came to this country and on entering the schools of Cedar county was unable to understand English but he made the most of his advantages and is today a well informed man. After spending about eleven years at Cedar Bluffs, the family removed to Fremont township in the spring of 1865, locating one mile north of the present farm of our subject. His entire life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits and for twenty-seven years he has now resided on section 5, Red Oak township, where he has a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres. Besides this valuable property he has one hundred and sixty acres across the road in Fremont township and another tract of one hundred and twenty acres in the same township a mile and one-half west of his home place. He also owns some timber land aggregating thirty-five acres and in all has five hundred and seventy-five acres of very valuable land. Industrious and energetic, he has placed his land under excellent cultivation and has erected good, substantial buildings for the shelter of grain and stock. At present, however, he is practically living retired, while his sons operate the land. In its cultivation he uses the most modern and improved machinery, having two gang plows, to which he hitches four horses and three plows with three horses each. In the summer of 1910 he planted two hundred acres in corn. He is not only engaged in farming but devotes considerable attention to the stock business, feeding from four to five carloads of cattle and hogs annually.

On the 7th of October, 1869, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Mary Johnson, who was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, on the 22d of February, 1848, and in the fall of 1854 came to Cedar county with her parents, George and Hannah (Wilson) Johnson, both natives of Yorkshire, England. Her father was born in 1818 and her mother in 1821, and they were reared and educated in England, where they continued to make their home until after their marriage and until their oldest child was about six months old. It was in 1844 that they came to the new world and settled in St. Lawrence county, New York. Ten years later they migrated to Iowa, making the journey with two teams, in company with six other families who were coming west at that time. They drove to Buffalo, where they loaded their teams and effects upon a boat, and proceeded to Chicago, whence they drove to Cedar county, Iowa, locating first in Red Oak township, where they made their home for six years. Their last days, however, were spent in O'Brien county, Iowa, where the father died in 1900, the mother passing away in 1883. In their family were eight children, namely: William, now a resident of Sanborn, Iowa; Rachel, the wife of Alexander Long, a resident of California; Mary, the wife of our subject; Robert, of O'Brien county, Iowa; Hannah, the wife of Albert Jacobs of Paulina, Iowa; Elizabeth, the wife of William Jacobs of Woodbury county, Iowa; George, of Minnesota; and James, of Pipestone, Minnesota. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith are as fol-

lows: Robert A., a farmer of Fremont township; Lawrence J., at home; Cora, the wife of George Moir of Linn township; Dora, the wife of Charles Kahler of Pioneer township; William G., Ernest C. and Herbert A., who are at home.

In his social affiliations Mr. Smith is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Mechanicsville. He has devoted considerable time to public affairs, having held all the school offices of Fremont township and trustee for six years in Red Oak township. Mr. Smith is a stanch republican in politics. He has made steady progress in well defined lines of labor and in accordance with honorable methods and is today one of the most prominent and substantial agriculturists of Cedar county. He is widely recognized as a good business man, strong in his honor and good name and strong in his ability to plan and to perform.

JAMES GORMAN.

James Gorman is one of the successful agriculturists of Gower township, being proprietor of the Park Stock Farm on section 9. A native of Iowa, he was born on the 8th of October, 1864, in Johnson county, about one mile from the Cedar county line, but when five years of age removed to Pottawattamie county, this state, in company with his parents, Michael and Ellen (Colbert) Gorman, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father, who in September, 1910, was eighty-two years of age, was born in County Waterford and was sixteen years old when he came to the United States with his widowed mother, who brought with her to this country five sons and one daughter. Landing in New York city, they proceeded up the Hudson river to Albany and spent five years in the Empire state. At the end of that time they removed to Illinois and from there Mr. Gorman came to Iowa about sixty years ago. He was married in Iowa City in June, 1858, to Miss Ellen Colbert, whose birth occurred in County Cork, Ireland. She came to the new world during childhood with her parents. During his early years Mr. Gorman followed farming and met with excellent success but has now laid aside all labor and he and his wife make their home with our subject in Gower township. They have six children, namely: Edward, a resident of Pottawattamie county; Dennis, of Nebraska; Ellen, the wife of Thomas Kelley of Wisconsin; James of this review; Margaret, the wife of Fide Flouchinger of Pottawattamie county; and Maurice of Kansas.

James Gorman was practically reared and educated in Pottawattamie county. where he continued to make his home until fifteen years ago, when he came to Cedar county and purchased his present farm, consisting of three hundred and twenty acres in one body on section 9, Gower township. Most of the improvements found thereon have been made by him, including the erection of two sets of good farm buildings and the neat and thrifty appearance of the place plainly indicates his progressive spirit and that he thoroughly understands the occupation which he has made his life work. In connection with general farming he gives special attention to the raising of Duroc Jersey hogs and shorthorn cattle. He is one of the representative citizens of the community and has been remarkably successful in his life work.

On the 12th of October, 1896, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Gorman to Miss Elizabeth Yedlik, who was born in Colfax county, Nebraska, April 2, 1875, a daughter of Antone and Rose Yedlik, who were born, reared and married in Polzen, Bohemia, and continued to reside there until after the birth of two of their sons. They then emigrated to America and settled in Cedar county, Iowa, where the father followed farming until called to his final rest, March 23, 1906, at the age of seventy years. He had survived his wife about four years, her death occurring September 20, 1902, when she was seventy-four years of age. Both died in Cedar county. Their children were: John, who died here in 1909; Albert, a resident of California; Mrs. Josephine Crofter, a resident of Solon, Johnson county, Iowa; and Elizabeth, now Mrs. Gorman. The family of our subject and wife consists of five children, all born in Cedar county, namely: Rozella, Elsie May, James Michael, Leo Francis and Margaret. During their residence in this county they have made a host of warm friends and wherever known are held in the highest esteem.

JOSEPH H. FISHER.

Joseph H. Fisher, who has made his home within the borders of Cedar county for more than a half century, has followed general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career, owning and operating a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Springfield township. His birth occurred in Carroll county, Maryland, on the 13th of December, 1837, his parents being Joseph F. and Catherine Fisher, both of whom were natives of Adams county, Pennsylvania. The father was born in the year 1817, while the mother's natal day was January 18, 1818. Their marriage was celebrated in Adams county of the Keystone state. In 1857 Joseph F. Fisher brought his family to Cedar county, Iowa, and here devoted his attention to the cultivation of rented land for about ten years. On the expiration of that period he purchased and located upon a tract of eighty acres, continuing to reside thereon until called to his final rest on the 19th of April, 1884. In connection with the tilling of the soil he devoted considerable attention to stock-raising, which branch of his business added materially to his income. His wife passed away in this county on the 3d of January, 1903.

Their children were thirteen in number, eight of whom are yet living, as follows: Joseph H., of this review; W. F., who is a resident of Kansas; George, living in Oregon; James, who makes his home in Cedar county; Ellen, the wife of Henry Billmyer, of Kansas; Sarah, who gave her hand in marriage to Jeremiah Fleagle and likewise resides in the Sunflower state; Abbie, the wife of Charles Peters, of Cedar county; and John, who lives in Kansas. The deceased members of the family are as follows: Two who passed away in Pennsylvania while still in infancy, and David D., Mary and Daniel, who died in Iowa.

Joseph H. Fisher, who obtained his education in the district schools of his native county, was twenty years of age when the family home was established

in Cedar county. Here he assisted his father in the work of the fields until the time of his enlistment for service in the Union army in August, 1862, joining Company K, Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, at Lowden. With that command he served for three years, being honorably discharged at Davenport, Iowa, in August, 1865. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg and in the Red River expedition and took part in many hotly contested battles and skirmishes. Though never faltering in the performance of any task assigned him and often found in the thickest of the fight, he was not wounded. He had several hairbreadth escapes, however, the brim of his hat being pierced by a bullet on one occasion, while at another time his cartridge belt was cut in two by a spent ball. After returning from the war he worked at farm labor in Cedar county until he had accumulated sufficient capital to enable him to buy land of his own. A that time he came into possession of his present farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Springfield township, where he has resided continuously since. He erected a handsome modern residence, a substantial barn and good outbuildings and has brought his fields under a high state of cultivation. He raises both grain and stock and in both branches of his business has won success.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Fisher chose Miss Annie Montz, a daughter of Nicholas W. and Sarah Ann (Holiday) Montz, pioneer settlers of this county. Their union was blessed with four children, namely: Charles and Arthur, who are now deceased; and Clyde F. and Clarence, twins, who were born June 26, 1886, and now assist their father in the operation of the home farm.

Mr. Fisher is a stanch republican in politics but has never sought nor desired office, finding that his private interests demanded his entire time and attention. He and his family attend the services of the Methodist Episcopal church at Lowden. Through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic he still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. He has passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten but still takes an active part in the world's work and in spirit and interests seems yet in his prime.

HENRY JOHN HAMMERICH.

When the names of prosperous and successful farmers of Cedar county are mentioned that of Henry John Hammerich occupies a prominent place. He has stanch Teutonic blood in his veins and inherited from his father a fearlessness and energy that are such prominent characteristics of sons of Germany and their descendants wherever they are found. Indeed, it is very doubtful whether the American republic would be such a world power as it is today were is not for the sturdy arms and valiant hearts that ever since the establishment of the Union have sought here the blessings and freedom of thought and action which the old world cannot afford.

Henry J. Hammerich is a native of Holstein, Germany, where he was born August 28, 1852. He is a son of Detlef and Lena (Stender) Hammerich, both

of Germany. He was educated in the public schools of his native land and after laying aside his books became a gardener, which is a vocation carried to a high degree of perfection in the old country. As a young man, ambitious of advancing in life and seeing great difficulties facing him in the fatherland on account of the dense population and keen competition, he decided to come to America and in 1878 he landed under the stars and stripes. For four years after arriving in this country he worked as a farm hand, in the meantime acquiring the language and becoming accustomed to the new conditions with which he was surrounded. In 1881 he rented a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Sugar Creek township, this county, on which he continued for two years. At the expiration of that time he rented one hundred and twenty acres in Farmington township, which he conducted for one year. Then for eighteen years in Sugar Creek township he rented eighty acres, at the conclusion of which time, having by industry and good management acquired the necessary capital, he bought one hundred and ninety-two acres in Farmington township, which he cultivated for seven years. He had now reached a condition upon which his mind had been fixed for some time and to which his labors had been directed, and he sold his place and purchased the valuable farm of one hundred and sixty-eight acres upon which he now lives and for which he paid two hundred dollars an acre. Here he conducts general farming under the most favorable conditions and is known as one of the most substantial farmers in this part of the county.

On December 6, 1883, Mr. Hammerich was united in marriage to Miss Mary Magdalene Marolf, who was the first child born in the town of Wilton, Iowa, her natal day being July 11, 1850. She is a daughter of Peter and Anna (Nobs) Marolf, who were both natives of Switzerland and came to this country in 1848. They settled in Muscatine county and there the father departed this life April 6, 1881, and the mother died December 14, 1890. Three children were born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hammerich: Edward I., now deceased, who was born September 9, 1884; Louis, born January 16, 1886; and Edward, born November 14, 1887. Louis and Edward are both making their home with their parents.

Mr. Hammerich is identified with the democratic party but has never aspired to official position. He is essentially a man whose chief interests are in his work and one who values his home as the result of years of toil and well directed endeavor. He is known as a man of sympathetic nature, who readily responds to the call of distress and assists in any worthy enterprise that aims to advance the interests of the neighborhood. It is men of this character that have built up the country and made possible the numberless blessings with which we are surrounded.

HENRY WIESE.

Henry Wiese, who owns a quarter section of land in Springfield township, is one of the worthy sons that Germany has furnished to the United States, his birth having occurred in Westphalia on the 26th of September, 1859. His parents, Anton and Lena Wiese, passed away in the fatherland. He is the only surviving member of a family of nine children and was left an orphan at the early

age of thirteen. Being thus thrown upon his own resources, he secured employment as a farm hand and was thus busily engaged until twenty years of age. In accordance with the laws of his native land, he then served for three years as a soldier in the German army.

In 1885 Mr. Wiese emigrated to the United States and during the first six years of his residence in this country worked at ditching. On the expiration of that period he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Springfield township but later disposed of the property and bought a tract of one hundred and ten acres in Massillon township. On the latter farm he successfully carried on agricultural pursuits until 1905, when he took up his abode on his present place of one hundred and sixty acres in Springfield township, which formerly belonged to his father-in-law. The property presents a well kept appearance and everything about the place is indicative of the careful supervision of the owner, whose methods are at once practical and progressive. His industry has ever been one of his salient characteristics and has been the measure of his success.

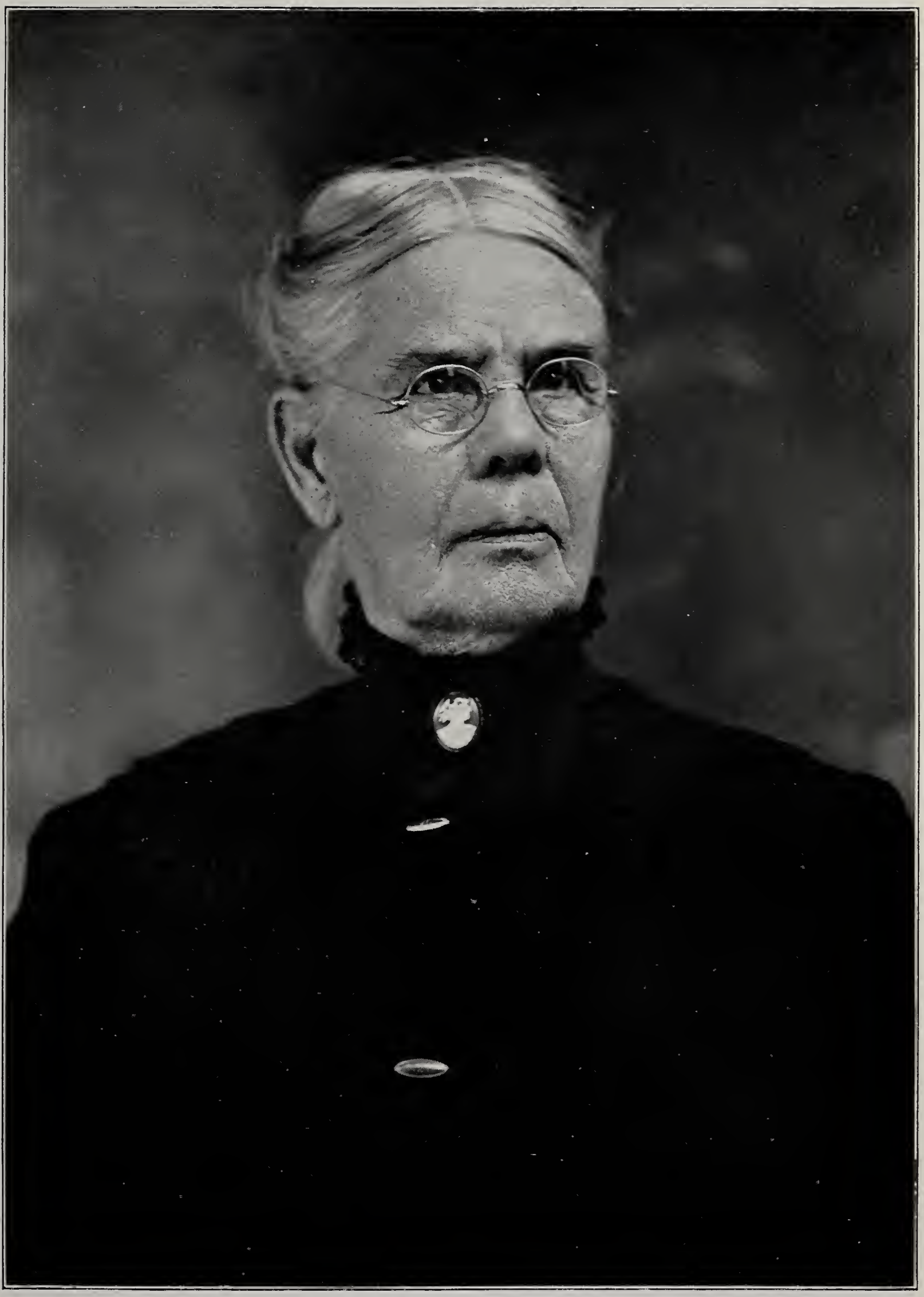
In 1886 Mr. Wiese was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Broecking, a native of Germany and a daughter of Ernst Broecking, who was an early settler of Cedar county and is now deceased. Unto our subject and his wife were born three children, namely: Charles; William; and Henry, who died at the age of four years.

At the polls Mr. Wiese casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the democracy. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Evangelical church. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in the new world, for the opportunities which he sought he found and improved and as a result is now one of the substantial citizens of Springfield township.

JOHN McCLURE.

John McClure is numbered among Tipton's pioneer settlers and for half a century was a resident of this city. He was widely known here and was numbered among the loyal sons that the county sent to the defense of the Union in the dark days of the Civil war. He was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, April 30, 1821, and was the son of James and Ruth (McClelland) McClure, who were also natives of the Keystone state, spending their entire lives in Westmoreland county, where they reared their family of six children: William, now deceased; Mrs. Violet Welch, who has also passed away; James, deceased; John; Mrs. Susan Elliott, deceased; and Samuel, who is living in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

John McClure was a resident of his native county until coming to Tipton, Iowa, in 1858. He was reared upon a farm and his youth was a period of earnest and unremitting toil. He worked as a laborer until the removal to the west, and, thinking that he might have better opportunities in this section of the country, he came to Iowa and continued a resident of Tipton until his demise, which occurred on the 29th of December, 1898. At the time of the Civil war he espoused



MRS. ELLEN McCLURE

the cause of the Union, enlisting at Tipton in the spring of 1861 as a member of Company A, Fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. This was the first company that left Cedar county. He served for twenty-three months and was then honorably discharged owing to physical disability. After he had recovered his health he spent several months in the employ of the government, caring for the horses in the corrals. After the war he followed various occupations, leading a busy and active life.

Mr. McClure was married in Tipton, May 26, 1875, to Mrs. Ellen (Lett) Smith, who was born in Richland county, Ohio, March 9, 1837. When four years of age she was brought to Tipton by her parents who came to Iowa in 1841. She has since made her home here and is now the oldest resident of Tipton. Her early education was acquired in select schools and when public schools were organized, she continued her studies through that medium of education.

Her parents were Abraham and Elizabeth (Barnhart) Lett. The former was born in Virginia in 1791 and the latter in Pennsylvania. They were married in Ohio and the mother died when her daughter Ellen was but four years of age, after which Mr. Lett wedded Elizabeth Southern in Tipton. His death occurred in 1865, while the stepmother of Mrs. McClure passed away on the 9th of October, 1891. In the family were five children: Mrs. Elizabeth Tuthill, now deceased; Mrs. Margaret Highsmith, who has also passed away; Mrs. McClure; Alvin, deceased, and John, who is living in York county, Nebraska. When the Lett family arrived in Tipton, they were accompanied by Samuel Aker and his family, who came from Ohio, and both families lived in a one-room log house until Mr. Aker could build him a home. There were fifteen in one room. It was in that cabin that Mrs. McClure's mother passed away. At that time there were only seven buildings in Tipton, so that Mrs. McClure has been a witness of the growth and development of the town. She has been a member of the Old Settlers Association of Cedar County since its organization and served as its president for one year.

Mr. McClure was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and gave his political allegiance to the republican party. In his passing the county lost one of its well known early settlers. Mrs. McClure has a vivid recollection of the early days and recounts many interesting incidents concerning Cedar county when the work of progress and civilization had scarcely been begun here. She is very widely and favorably known throughout this part of the state and her retentive memory makes her word authority upon many questions of local history.

FRANK L. OWEN.

Frank L. Owen, one of the representative farmers and stock-raisers of Center township residing on section 14, belongs to a well known and honored family that has long been identified with the agricultural interests of this community. He was born on his present farm, August 12, 1876, a son of Josiah and Mary Jane (Welty) Owen, of whom extended mention is made on another page of this volume. His father, who was born April 16, 1837, died on the

24th of December, 1908, but his mother is still living and now makes her home in Tipton. In their family were the following children: May, the wife of F. W. Reeve of Peabody, Kansas; Ada Florence, the wife of C. E. Chapman of Tipton, Iowa; Frank L., of this review; Alice, at home with her mother; Fred W., a farmer of Center township; and Ralph E., at home.

With the exception of four years Frank L. Owen has spent his entire life upon the farm where he now resides, three years of that time living in Kansas and one year in Oklahoma. He attended the public schools and under the able guidance of his father early became familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist, so that on starting out in life for himself he was well qualified to engage in his chosen profession. For three years he engaged in farming upon rented land but now owns and operates two hundred and forty acres of the original homestead, comprising three hundred and forty-six acres. He follows general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of feeding cattle and hogs for the market.

Mr. Owen was married in 1898, the lady of his choice being Miss Sarah E. Downing, who was born in Fairfield township, July 5, 1873, and is a daughter of George W. Downing, now of Iowa township, this county. Three children blessed this union, namely: Genevieve Florence, Edwin Harry and Raymond Paul. Mr. Owen is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, and both he and his wife have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in the county which they have always claimed as home.

ALBERT N. HEMMINGWAY.

Albert N. Hemmingway, widely and favorably known throughout Cedar county, has won a highly gratifying measure of success in his operations as a farmer and stockman and is the owner of about one thousand acres of land in this county. He resides on a tract of land comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 8, Springdale township, known as the Evergreen Valley Stock Farm.

His birth occurred in that township on the 27th of February, 1853, his parents being E. D. and Maria (Negus) Hemmingway, both of whom were born near Salem, Columbiana county, Ohio. The father's natal day was November 6, 1825, while the mother's birth occurred on the 29th of March, 1827. They came to Cedar county, Iowa, with their respective parents in 1844. E. D. Hemmingway passed away in California, while his wife died in Springdale township, this county, on the 9th of April, 1893. Their children were as follows: Auley P., who resides in Gower township; Albert N., of this review; Mattie C., the wife of C. G. Swofford, of South Dakota; Ida, who died at the age of fifteen months; and Israel E., of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

When still but an infant Albert N. Hemmingway was taken to Johnson county, Iowa, by his parents and there he continued to reside for twenty-five years. After returning to this county he made his home in Gower township until 1907, since which time he has resided on his present farm on sec-

tion 8, Springdale township. The property, which is well improved, comprises one hundred and sixty acres and is known as the Evergreen Valley Stock Farm, situated a mile and a half southeast of West Branch. Throughout his entire business career Mr. Hemmingway has been extensively engaged in farming and in the raising and shipping of stock, having continuously carried on the latter branch of activity since 1876. He has bred Percheron horses on an extensive scale and has shipped all kinds of stock to the Chicago market. In addition to his home place he owns a farm of four hundred acres in Gower township, ninety-three acres in Cass township and three hundred and thirty-one acres in Linn township, so that his land holdings in Cedar county embrace about one thousand acres. He likewise has a tract of one hundred and fifty acres in Jones county and has long been numbered among the most substantial and respected citizens of this part of the state.

In 1878 Mr. Hemmingway was united in marriage to Miss Ada Adams, who was born in Johnson county, Iowa, on the 26th of June, 1857, her parents being James M. and Sophia (Dudley) Adams. The father's birth occurred near Cleveland, Ohio, while the mother first opened her eyes to the light of day at Hamburg, Erie county, New York. They came to this state in 1840, were married here and spent most of their lives in Johnson county. James M. Adams passed away in Cedar county but is still survived by his widow. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hemmingway were born eight children, namely: Elwood, who resides in Cass township; Monroe, of Gower township; Grant, living in Linn township; Linna, the wife of H. G. Gleason, of Pioneer township; Grace, Emery and May, all at home; and Eva, who died in infancy.

Mr. Hemmingway is a republican in politics and an active worker in the local ranks of the party but has never sought office as a reward for his fealty. His entire life has been spent in this part of the state, and the fact that he is most liked where best known is an indication that his salient characteristics are such as command the respect, confidence and good will of his fellowmen.

AMOS CLARK.

Amos Clark has devoted his life to the work of the farm and is the owner of a tract of land of eighty acres in Farmington township, whereon he has made his home since 1865, the year of his arrival in Cedar county. He is a native of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Meigs county, February 9, 1844. His parents were Caleb and Rebecca (Gorsuch) Clark. The father was born in Maine and the mother was born in Pennsylvania. They were married in Ohio, where Caleb Clark followed the occupation of farming to the time of his death, which occurred February 2, 1853. His widow survived him for some time and died at the home of her son Amos in Cedar county, Iowa.

Amos Clark spent his youthful days in his parents' home but was not quite nine years of age when his father died. His educational opportunities were those offered by the common schools. At the time of the Civil war, although still in his teens, he joined the Ohio State Militia and saw some

lively times during the Morgan raid, for the militia companies were called out and prepared for the defense of the state against the invasion of the Confederate troops. After the close of the war, when a young man of twenty-one years, Mr. Clark came west to Iowa, settling in Cedar county, where he purchased eighty acres of land in Farmington township that has now been his home for forty-five years. Here he has labored industriously and energetically, planting his crops in the early springtime, continuing their cultivation through the summer and gathering his harvests in the autumn.

On the 26th of January, 1867, Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Ann Jane Lambe, a daughter of Thomas and Hannah Lambe, both of whom died in Ohio when Mrs. Clark was but a young girl. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Clark have been born three children who are yet living, and their eldest daughter, Lillie, who became a successful school teacher, is now deceased. The others are: Mary Emma, now the wife of Mack McGillivray, a resident of Muscatine county, Iowa; Luella, the wife of Charles Covell, who is living in Muscatine county; and Lizzie, the wife of Henry Rath, a resident of Tipton, Iowa.

The parents are members of the Presbyterian church at Wilton and are loyal to its teachings and interested in its work. Mr. Clark votes the republican ticket, having supported the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise but he has never sought nor desired office, preferring to live the quiet life of the farmer. He is one of the oldest residents of Farmington township and is widely and favorably known in this part of the county.

WILLIAM B. REEDER.

William B. Reeder, long identified with agricultural interests in Cedar county but now living retired in Tipton, was born in Clermont county, Ohio, November 8, 1832, and is the eldest in a family of four sons and one daughter, whose parents were George and Sophia (Stroub) Reeder, natives of Maryland and of Pennsylvania respectively. They resided in Ohio during a portion of the first half of the nineteenth century, and in 1850 came with their family to Iowa, spending their remaining days upon a farm in Cedar county, where they met the usual experiences and privations of pioneer life until the efforts of the early settlers had introduced all the advantages and comforts known to the older east. Further mention of the family is made in connection with the sketch of J. W. Reeder on another page of this volume.

William B. Reeder spent the first eighteen years of his life in the county of his nativity and thence made his way direct to Tipton in 1850. The family home was established about three miles northwest of the city and there he continued to reside until 1895, when he removed to Tipton, having in 1894 erected his present home at No. 1107 Seventh street. He still retains ownership of the old farm, a tract of two hundred acres of rich and valuable land, which he converted into productive fields, gathering therefrom abundant harvests. In all of his farm work he was practical and progressive, determined and resourceful, and in

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the basic industry of agriculture he found a field for his success. His attention in a business way has been given only to farming, save that after removing to Iowa he engaged in teaching school through the winter months for five years. He is financially interested in the City National Bank of Tipton, serving as one of its directors since its organization.

In 1858 Mr. Reeder was united in marriage to Miss Martha J. Wiggins, who was born in Richland county, Ohio, May 12, 1840, and arrived in Cedar county, Iowa, in the fall of 1852. She died September 15, 1906, and in her death Mr. Reeder lost one who had for forty-eight years been a faithful companion and helpmate to him on life's journey. In their family were six children: Ida is the wife of Frank Foster, of Boston, Massachusetts. Emma is at home. Fred L., is a resident of Tipton. Frank G. resides on the home farm. Martha, born in 1874, became the wife of Homer Wroten, and died April 1, 1905. Mertie B., born in 1879, became the wife of Louis Beed and departed this life in September, 1907. All the children with the exception of the oldest daughter are graduates of the Tipton high school and all attended Cornell College, Martha, Frank and Emma having graduated there. Emma was a teacher for about two years and for nine years was connected with the Young Women's Christian Association work as a general secretary, spending four years of that time on the Pacific coast. Fred, Frank and Martha also engaged in teaching school for a time. For two years Martha was secretary of the Young Woman's Christian Association at Kalamazoo, Michigan, having previously spent two years in the Chicago training school.

In his political views Mr. Reeder has always been a republican but in recent years has been much more independent, considering the capability of the candidate rather than his party affiliations at local elections. He has reported to the National Agricultural Bureau at Washington, D. C., since its organization during the first administration of Grover Cleveland. He has always taken a very helpful and active part in the work of the Methodist Episcopal church since aiding in building the West Bethel church in 1857, where he still holds membership. His life has conformed to its teachings and its principles have found exemplification in his treatment of his fellowmen and his conduct of his business affairs.

WILLIAM STUHR.

William Stuhr, who devotes his attention to the operation of a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Springfield township, is an agriculturist whose labors have been attended with a gratifying measure of success. His birth occurred in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on the 15th of July, 1858, his parents being Marx and Catherine Stuhr, who were married in that country. In 1862 they emigrated to the United States, locating at Wheatland, Clinton county, Iowa, where the father worked as a day laborer until 1870. In that year he came to Cedar county and purchased the farm of one hundred and twenty acres which is now in possession of our subject. The property was but slightly improved at that time but he set resolutely to work and soon had a model farm.

He carried on agricultural pursuits with excellent results until a few years prior to his death, when he took up his abode in Lowden, there living in honorable retirement until called to his final rest about 1903 at the age of seventy-eight years. His wife also passed away in Lowden about 1903, having attained the age of seventy-seven years. Unto them were born nine children, three of whom still survive.

William Stuhr remained with his parents until they retired, early gaining practical knowledge of the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops as he assisted his father in the work of the fields. When his father put aside active business cares he purchased the old homestead place and has since given his time and energies to its operation. The many substantial improvements which now adorn the property were placed there by himself and his father and stand as monuments to their thrift and enterprise. Mr. Stuhr cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and annually gathers rich crops which find a ready sale on the market.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Stuhr chose Miss Sophia Meyer, likewise a native of Germany. Their union was blessed with nine children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are as follows: William, Charles, Anna, Lena, Julius, Fritz, Emil and Hugo.

Mr. Stuhr is a stanch democrat in politics but has never sought office as a reward for his party fealty. He was reared in the faith of the Lutheran church but is not a communicant thereof at the present time. The period of his residence in Cedar county covers four decades and he well merits the high regard and esteem which is so uniformly accorded him.

RICKLEF LUNSCHEN.

Ricklef Lunschen, who now makes his home in Tipton, is well known throughout Cedar county as one of its most successful and prosperous agriculturists and stock-breeders. His early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born in Oldenburg, Germany, on the 7th of February, 1840, and his parents, Fritz and Johanna (Woge) Lunschen, spent their entire lives in that country, the father being a farmer by occupation. In the family were three children, but the two sisters of our subject remained in Germany until their death.

In the land of his birth Ricklef Lunschen passed the days of his boyhood and youth, acquiring a liberal education usually furnished to the sons of the fatherland. It was in 1868 that he came to America and on reaching New York proceeded at once to Scott county, Iowa. He was accompanied by his wife, for he had married on the 17th of April, of that year, Miss Sophia Volkmann, who was also born in Oldenburg, February 13, 1843. They started for the new world one month after their marriage. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lunschen, six of whom are now deceased, those living being: Charles, who is living in Brookings county, South Dakota; Pauline, the wife of William Lee, of St. Paul, Minnesota; and Frieda, at home.

On starting out in life for himself Mr. Lunschen chose the occupation of farming, to which he devoted his time prior to his emigration to the new world, and after locating in Scott county, Iowa, he engaged in the same pursuit in New Liberty township for twenty-one years, owning a half section of land there. On disposing of that property in 1888 he removed to Tipton, buying a farm a mile and a half west of the town, consisting of four hundred and forty-six acres. Upon that place he lived for fifteen years and then took up his residence in the city which is now his home. Here he has purchased a nice brick residence and today has a well improved place. Besides his city property he now owns fourteen farms, including five in Brookings county, South Dakota, one in Davison county and one in McCook county, that state, making over a thousand acres there. He also has six farms in Minnesota, four in Lincoln county, one in Pipestone county and one in Bigstone county. These, together with his property in this state and South Dakota, aggregate twenty-seven hundred acres of land, most of which is under a high state of cultivation and well improved.

In connection with farming Mr. Lunschen has always devoted considerable attention to the stock business and is today an extensive buyer and shipper of cattle and horses. From 1895 until 1903 he exported a large number of work horses to Germany and imported coach horses from that country, principally stallions. In the interests of this business he crossed the ocean twenty-seven times and no man in Cedar county has handled more horses than he. At different times he imported sixty-three stallions, all of the German coach breed, and he has sent about four hundred of the best work horses he could find in this country to Germany. He has also made large shipments of cattle and hogs to the Chicago markets and is regarded as one of the best judges of stock in this part of the state.

In business his fidelity has never been questioned and the success that he has achieved in life is due entirely to his own well directed efforts, for he started out in life with no capital and has made his own way in the business world, unaided by influence. Industrious and progressive, prosperity has crowned his efforts and he is today one of the wealthiest and most influential business men of Tipton. He is recognized as a man of honor, faithful to every trust, and his success is certainly well merited. He and his family hold membership in the Lutheran church.

WILLIAM C. RICHMANN.

William C. Richmann, a respected and representative resident of Lowden, won a handsome competence through the careful conduct of his agricultural interests in former years and is now living retired in well earned ease. Cedar county has remained his home from his birth to the present time, his natal day being November 29, 1857. His father, William Richmann, was born in Germany on the 4th of September, 1820, and emigrated to the United States in 1847, locating at St. Louis, Missouri, where he worked as a laborer for two years. On the expiration of that period he purchased a farm near Red Bud,

Illinois, there carrying on agricultural pursuits until 1856, when he disposed of the property and came to Springfield township, Cedar county, Iowa. Here he first bought a ninety-acre tract and as his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, he made additional purchases until his land holdings in this county aggregated more than six hundred acres. In 1868 he opened a general store in Lowden but at the end of ten years disposed of his mercantile interests and returned to his farm. Later, in 1885, he again embarked in merchandising at Lowden in partnership with a Mr. Baird, who retired, however, in 1887. He continued in business alone for about eight years and then sold out, returning to his farm, where his last days were spent in honorable retirement. His demise occurred on the 14th of August, 1902, and the community mourned the loss of one of its most substantial and esteemed citizens.

While still a resident of Illinois the father wedded Miss Christina Penningroth, by whom he had eleven children, nine of whom are yet living, namely: Sophia, who is the widow of Fred Penningroth and makes her home in Lowden; Louisa, the wife of Ernst Rixe, of Springfield township, who is mentioned on another page of this work; William C., of this review; Annie, the wife of Fred Dircks, of Springfield township; Fred, who is a resident of Lowden; Lena, who gave her hand in marriage to Henry Rodenbeck, of Springfield township; Emil, who makes his home in California; Lizzie, the wife of Christian Schoff, of Springfield township; and Henry A., living in Oelwein, Iowa.

William C. Richmann obtained his education in the district schools and after putting aside his text-books assisted his father in the operation of the home farm until twenty-seven years of age. He then purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land but later disposed of the place and removed to Red Oak township, where he bought a farm of one hundred and eighty acres. The further cultivation and improvement of that property claimed his attention for a period of eighteen years, when he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Clarence, having also purchased property there. He later sold his holdings in Clarence and since 1904 has made his home in Lowden, here owning a modern and attractive residence. He leases his farm of one hundred and eighty acres in Red Oak township and is now living practically retired in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil.

On the 18th of March, 1885, at Lowden, Iowa, Mr. Richmann was united in marriage to Miss Christina Dircks, a daughter of Fred and Christina (Fink) Dircks, who are still living here. Our subject and his wife have one son, Emil Henry Richmann, who is conducting a furniture and undertaking establishment in Lowden. He wedded Miss Alvina Miller, a daughter of Conrad Miller, of Lowden, and has two children, Evelyn and Avete. In 1899 Mr. and Mrs. Richmann adopted Miss Minnie Kettler, who was then a child of five years and whose mother had died a few days previous, and since then she has been a member of the family.

Where national questions and issues are involved Mr. Richmann supports the republican party but at local elections he casts an independent ballot. He has served as a school director and acted as road supervisor for fifteen years,

ever proving a most able and trustworthy public official. Both he and his wife are valued and consistent members of the Evangelical church, exemplifying its teachings in their daily lives. The fact that many of his closest friends are those who have known him from boyhood is an evidence that his life has been directed in accordance with high principles of manhood and citizenship.

JAMES MILTON FISHER.

James Milton Fisher, successfully engaged in the pursuits of farming and stock-raising, is the owner of a well improved and productive tract of land comprising one hundred and eighty-five acres in Springfield township. His birth occurred in Carroll county, Maryland, on the 19th of February, 1848, his parents being Joseph F. and Catherine (Sneath) Fisher, both of whom were natives of Adams county, Pennsylvania. The father was born in the year 1817, while the mother's natal day was January 18, 1818. Their marriage was celebrated in Adams county of the Keystone state. In 1857 Joseph F. Fisher brought his family to Cedar county, Iowa, and here devoted his attention to the cultivation of rented land for about ten years. On the expiration of that period he purchased and located upon a tract of eighty acres, continuing to reside thereon until called to his final rest on the 19th of April, 1884. In connection with the tilling of the soil he devoted considerable attention to stock-raising, which branch of his business added materially to his income. His wife passed away in this county on the 3d of January, 1903.

Their children were thirteen in number, eight of whom are yet living, as follows: Joseph H., whose sketch appears on another page of this volume; W. F., who is a resident of Kansas; George, living in Oregon; James M., of this review; Ellen, the wife of Henry Billmyer, of Kansas; Sarah, who gave her hand in marriage to Jeremiah Fleagle and likewise resides in the Sunflower state; Abbie, the wife of Charles Peters, of Cedar county; and John, who lives in Kansas. The deceased members of the family are as follows: Two who passed away in Pennsylvania while still in infancy, and David D., Mary and Daniel, who died in Iowa.

James Milton Fisher began his education in the schools of his native county but at the end of one term's study came to Iowa with his parents, being at that time nine years of age. He completed his education in Cedar county and after putting aside his text-books assisted his father in the operation of the home farm. On starting out as an agriculturist on his own account he bought eighty acres of land in Springfield township and subsequently extended the boundaries of his farm by an additional purchase of one hundred and five acres. His property therefore embraces one hundred and eighty-five acres of rich and arable land and in its cultivation he is meeting with excellent results. The improvements on the place include a fine modern residence, a good barn and all necessary outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock, for in connection with the cultivation of cereals Mr. Fisher also raises stock to some extent. Industrious,

energetic and enterprising, his labors have been crowned with success and he is widely recognized as a substantial and esteemed citizen of the community.

On the 4th of March, 1884, Mr. Fisher was united in marriage to Miss Annie Haggerty, a daughter of Robert L. and Martha Jane (Wareham) Haggerty, who were natives of Pennsylvania and came to this country with their respective parents in the early '60s. Robert L. Haggerty is a retired resident of Tipton but his wife passed away in this county in 1886. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fisher were born five children, four of whom still survive, as follows: Homer, whose natal day was January 31, 1889; Forrest, whose birth occurred March 31, 1894; Esther, who first opened her eyes to the light of day on the 9th of June, 1900; and James, who was born May 11, 1906. Harry R., the eldest, was born on the 10th of June, 1887, and died on the 29th of December of the same year.

Mr. Fisher exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and is an active worker in its local ranks. He was a delegate to the last republican primaries and has ably served his fellow townsmen in the capacity of road supervisor, while at the present time he holds the office of school director. He is an exemplary member of the United Brethren church and takes a deep and helpful interest in its work, having at one time acted as superintendent of the Sunday school. Throughout the long period of his residence in this county he has ever enjoyed in the fullest degree the respect and confidence of his fellowmen and his worth as a man and citizen is uniformly acknowledged.

GEORGE WILLER.

For thirty-two years George Willer was a resident of Cedar county and throughout that period was connected with agricultural pursuits. Diligently devoting his time to the development of his farm, he won success that placed him among the substantial residents of the community and in time gained for him a competence that enabled him to spend the evening of his life in well earned retirement from labor.

A native of Bavaria, he was born in Frankenthal, near the city of Edigheim, Germany, February 23, 1827, a son of Michael and Mary (Kaiser) Willer, who in 1839 sailed from Germany for the new world and established their home near Pomeroy, Ohio. At a later date they became residents of Cedar county, Iowa, where the remainder of their lives was passed. Their children were George, Katharine, Mary, Wendell, Peter, John and Minnie, all of whom have now passed away with the exception of John, a resident of Moville, Iowa, and Mrs. Mary Sauvage, of Colorado.

George Willer spent the first twelve years of his life in his native land and in 1839 accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world. His youthful days were spent in the Buckeye state, where he continued to reside until his removal to Cedar county, Iowa, in 1865. Believing that better opportunities were furnished in this section of the country, he traveled westward until he had crossed the Mississippi and, locating upon a farm south of Tipton,

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he devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his active business life. In early manhood he was employed as a laborer for several years and for four years worked in a rolling mill, but the greater part of his time was devoted to farming, and the practical experience which he gained in early manhood enabled him to so direct his labors in later years that prosperity attended his undertakings. As his financial resources increased he added to his property from time to time and became the owner of four hundred and eighty-five acres of well improved land in this county.

Before leaving Ohio Mr. Willer was married, on the 3d of January, 1852, to Miss Julia Thress, who was born in Manndel, in the city of Kreutznacht, Prussia, Germany, June 21, 1826, a daughter of Jacob and Katharine (Thress) Thress. Mrs. Willer was one of a family of five children, the others being: John, who lives near Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Margaret Ohlinger, of Pomeroy, Ohio; Philip, deceased; and Mrs. Katharine Rider, who has also passed away. It was in 1849 that the Thress family came to the new world, settling in Ohio, where the parents continued to reside until death, their home being near Pomeroy.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. George Willer were born eleven children, namely: Mary, now the wife of Jacob Marquart, of Lawton, Woodbury county, Iowa; Julia, who is with her mother in Tipton; Wendell, of Center township, Cedar county; John, a resident of Tipton; Minnie, the wife of Jacob Pfarr, of Center township; Peter, whose home is in the same township, near Tipton; Emma, who died September 27, 1876, at the age of eight years, five months and twenty-seven days; and four who died in infancy. The mother still makes her home in Tipton, but the father died in that city September 24, 1897.

After retiring from the active work of the farm Mr. Willer took up his abode in Tipton, where he spent his remaining days with leisure to indulge in those pursuits which were a matter of interest and pleasure to him. Earnest labor had relieved him of the necessity of further toil in order to provide for the wants of the body and, in fact, had brought to him a desirable competence that enabled him to surround himself with all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. His record proved the force of industry and determination as factors in success, for he started out empty-handed and, depending upon his own resources, ultimately gained the goal of prosperity.

JOHN WISCHMANN.

John Wischmann, one of the pioneer settlers of this section of Iowa, has long been numbered among the substantial and representative agriculturists of Springfield township, where he owns two hundred acres of rich and productive land. His birth occurred in Schleswig-Holstein on the 31st of October, 1831, and when nineteen years of age he joined the German army, serving for four months. In 1853 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, settling at Moline, Illinois, where he worked in the sawmills for three years. On the expiration of that period he went to Wheatland, Clinton county, Iowa, and there be-

came identified with general agricultural pursuits, owning and operating a farm until 1861. In that year he sold the property and rented two hundred acres of land, being busily engaged in its cultivation until 1867, which year witnessed his arrival in Cedar county. Here he first purchased eighty acres of slightly improved land and in 1883 moved his buildings to an adjoining tract, having resided thereon continuously since. His landed holdings embrace two hundred acres and in the conduct of his general farming interests he has been most successful.

In 1859, in Clinton county, Iowa, Mr. Wischmann was united in marriage to Miss Catherina Lahann, who was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on the 24th of August, 1840. Unto them were born twelve children, seven of whom are yet living, as follows: Henry, who is at home; Herman, who is married and resides in Springfield township; Gustav, who is married and lives in Clinton county; Otto, likewise at home; George, who is also under the parental roof and who now holds the office of township assessor; and Alfred and Martha, who are likewise at home. The deceased members of the family are Grace, William, Marie, Joseph and one who died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Wischmann is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. Both he and his wife belong to the Evangelical church at Lowden and their lives have been in harmony with its teachings. Though now seventy-nine years of age, Mr. Wischmann is still hale and hearty and takes an active part in the management and operation of his farm. He is exceptionally bright and witty and his many friends find him a pleasing companion. The period of his residence in this part of the state covers more than a half century and he is therefore largely familiar with its annals from pioneer times down to the present. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized. He here found the opportunities he sought and, making the most of them, steadily worked his way upward to a position among the substantial citizens of Springfield township.

CHARLES H. WIECK.

Charles H. Wieck, who is successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits in association with his brother Fred, resides on section 18, Farmington township. His birth occurred in Scott county, Iowa, on the 28th of October, 1873, his parents being Eggert and Louisa (Thiering) Wieck, both of whom were natives of Holstein, Germany. The father was born on the 4th of April, 1830, while the mother's natal day was February 20, 1846. Eggert Wieck crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1864, working as a farm hand in Scott county, Iowa, until 1869. In that year he made his first purchase of land and as time passed by and his financial resources increased, owing to his industry and careful economy, he added to his holdings until at his death he owned two hundred and forty acres of improved land in Farmington township and ten acres of timber land in Rochester township, Cedar county. He erected all of the buildings on the home farm and brought his fields under a high state

of cultivation, annually gathering bounteous harvests. When he passed away on the 2d of January, 1908, the community mourned the loss of one of its most substantial and esteemed citizens. His widow now makes her home with our subject. The four children who blessed their union are all yet living, namely: Fred, who resides with his brother Charles; Katie; Charles H., of this review; and Edward.

Charles H. Wieck obtained his education in the district schools of Cedar county and since putting aside his text-books has been actively engaged in the work of the fields. He was associated with his father in the operation of the home farm until the latter's death and since that time has managed the place for his mother in partnership with his brother Fred. In addition to cultivating the various cereals best adapted to soil and climate he also raises stock to some extent and in both branches of his business has won excellent results.

On the 3d of June, 1908, in Davenport, Mr. Wieck was united in marriage to Miss Emma Schroeder, a daughter of Jockim and Christina (Thompson) Schroeder. The father still resides in Davenport but the mother has passed away. Our subject and his wife have one child, Esther, whose natal day was April 26, 1909.

Mr. Wieck is a republican in his political views and has ably served his fellow townsmen in the capacity of road supervisor. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias at Sunbury, while in religious faith he and his family are Lutherans. He is well known throughout the community and is entitled to a place among its enterprising and representative citizens.

ERNST SCHLUTER.

For thirty-eight years Ernst Schluter has been a resident of this county, his time and energies being devoted to general agricultural pursuits. He raises both grain and stock, and his farm is a well developed property on sections 22 and 27, Massillon township. He is one of the worthy citizens that Germany has furnished to Iowa, his birth occuring in Hanover on the 26th of January, 1856. He was there reared to the age of fifteen years, during which time he pursued his education according to the methods of the public-school system of that land. He is self-educated in English, mastering the language since coming to the new world. He was in his sixteenth year when he crossed the Atlantic and made his way to Cedar county, Iowa, where he joined his brother Fred, who had arrived here in the fall of the previous year. Here Ernst Schluter began work upon a farm and was employed for one year at a salary of eighty-five dollars per year. During the succeeding years better wages were received. For seven years he was in the employ of Paul H. and Alexander Downing, but was ambitious to engage in business on his own account and improved every opportunity that brought him nearer to this goal.

In 1881, Mr. Schluter was united in marriage to Miss Lena Licht, a native of Illinois. Before his marriage, he had purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land and upon this he erected a dwelling and began the further development

and improvement of the place. His wife carefully managed the household affairs, while he took charge of the work of the fields, and as the years passed by, he prospered in his undertaking so that he was enabled to buy more land from time to time and is now the owner of four hundred acres all in one body, constituting one of the valuable and productive farms of the district. He built a large two-story residence, also a big barn, granary, cribs and other outbuildings necessary for the shelter of grain and stock. He has also set out a grove which adds to the beauty of the place. He has likewise bought and sold other land, and his life has been crowned with splendid success, inasmuch as he started out empty-handed. It took his first two years' earnings in America to pay his passage to the new world. By unremitting diligence and unfaltering industry, he has secured what he now possesses and has thus worked upward to a position among the men of affluence in the community.

About a year after their marriage, Mr. Schluter lost his first wife, who died leaving a little daughter, Lena, who is now the wife of William G. Smith, a farmer of Massillon township. In 1883, Mr. Schluter was again married, his second union being with Miss Lena Reinking, a native of Chicago, Cook county, Illinois. There are three children of this marriage: Alma, Edwin C. and Otto L.

Aside from his farming interests, Mr. Schluter has figured quite prominently in public affairs, and his activity and enterprise have been important factors in the progress and welfare of the community. He cast his first ballot for Rutherford B. Hayes in 1876 and has supported each presidential nominee since that time. He has taken an active interest in local elections and has himself been called to several local offices, the duties of which he has conscientiously and faithfully discharged. He was elected supervisor and by reelection continued in office for six consecutive years as a member of the county board. He has also been a member of the school board for years, has served on the petit jury and has been a delegate to county and state conventions of his party. During the long period of his residence here he has witnessed many changes in the county, as the condition of pioneer life have been replaced by those of modern development. He has never felt occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for here he has found the opportunities which he has sought and which are always open to ambitious young men. The secret of his success has been found in earnest, unremitting labor, and his record constitutes an example which others might well follow.

HENRY F. REINKING.

Henry F. Reinking, owning and operating a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Springfield township, is an agriculturist whose well directed energy and keen foresight are bringing to him a creditable measure of prosperity. His birth occurred in that township on the 15th of June, 1866, his parents being Carl and Caroline (Tonne) Reinking, both of whom were natives of Hanover, Germany. The father was born March 19, 1835, while the mother's natal day was December 6, 1837. During the first few years following his arrival in the

United States, Carl Reinking carried on general agricultural pursuits in Linn county, Iowa, where his marriage was celebrated. Subsequently he was engaged in the milk business at Chicago for two or three years, on the expiration of which period he purchased forty acres of land in Linn county, Iowa. On disposing of that property, he bought eighty acres in Springfield township, Cedar county, and later added an adjoining tract of similar size. Subsequently, he purchased two hundred and thirty-two acres of land in Red Oak township, this county, where he carried on general farming and stock-raising for a period of eleven years, leasing his quarter section in Springfield township. After selling his property in Red Oak township, he removed to Clarence and there spent the remainder of his life in honorable retirement, passing away on the 9th of October, 1891. He gave his political allegiance to the democracy but had neither time nor inclination for public office. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Evangelical church at Lowden. He was upright and honorable in all the relations of life and gained the warm esteem and friendship of those with whom he came in contact. His widow still survives him and makes her home with her daughter Alma in Clarence.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reinking were born eight children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are as follows: Caroline, the wife of Ernst Schluter, of Massillon township; Sophia, who gave her hand in marriage to Diedrich Bergmann and resides in Fairfield township; Henry F., of this review; Alvena, who is the wife of Herman Freese, of Cedar county; Minnie, who wedded Louis Conrad and resides in Fairfield township; Emma, the wife of William Freese, of Fairfield township; and Alma, who is at home with her mother.

Henry F. Reinking attended the district schools in pursuit of an education and also spent three terms in a German school at Lowden. After completing his studies, he assisted his father in the work of the fields and later rented the latter's farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Springfield township, operating the place in association with his brother-in-law Diedrich Bergmann for one year. Following the death of Carl Reinking they rented that farm from the estate for a year, at the end of which time our subject purchased the property. As before stated, it embraces one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land in Springfield township and the substantial buildings thereon provide ample shelter for grain and stock. All of the improvements which adorn the farm were made by Carl Reinking. Mr. Reinking of this review carries on the work of tilling the soil and also raises stock and his business interests are so carefully managed, that annually his sales of grain and stock return to him a good financial reward for his labor.

On the 24th of June, 1896, Mr. Reinking was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Hasemeyer, a daughter of Frederick and Minnie (Bushing) Hasemeyer, who came to this country from Germany in 1893 and are now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Reinking have been born four children, namely: Irene, Esther, Ervin and Paula.

When exercising his right of franchise, Mr. Reinking is not bound by party ties, casting an independent ballot. He formerly served in the capacity of road supervisor and is now acting as school director of district No. 8 in Springfield

township. Both he and his wife belong to the Evangelical church at Clarence. He has always lived in this county and that his life has ever been an upright and honorable one is indicated by the fact that his stanchest friends are numbered among those who have known him from his boyhood.

JOHN WINGERT.

John Wingert, who is now living practically retired in Tipton after many years devoted to farming and stock-raising, was born in the neighboring state of Illinois, his birth occurring near Trivoli, Peoria county, October 22, 1845. He is the second in order of birth in a family of eight children born to Peter and Isabelle (Garey) Wingert, of whom extended mention is made in the sketch of F. D. Wingert on another page of this volume.

It was in 1856 that our subject accompanied his parents on their removal to Cedar county, Iowa, the family locating on York Prairie in Springfield township. During his boyhood and youth he aided his father in the work of the farm and continued to engage in its operation until his marriage, after which he began farming for himself on York Prairie, his father giving him eighty acres, while he bought another eighty acre tract, making one hundred and sixty acres of raw prairie land. This he broke and improved and continued to engage in its cultivation until his retirement from labor in 1899, when he removed to Tipton and purchased his present comfortable residence on Meridian street. By industry and economy he prospered as time went by and he added to his property until the farm comprised four hundred and eighty acres on sections 28, 29 and 31, Springfield township. On his removal to Tipton he disposed of half of that property. At one time he was the owner of nineteen hundred and fifty-nine acres of land, including eight hundred acres in South Dakota, which he has since sold, while he gave to his son a farm of one hundred and sixty acres south of Tipton and sold another tract of one hundred and sixty acres near it. He still owns one hundred and thirteen acres in Center township, south of the city, and two hundred and forty acres in Kossuth county, Iowa. With the exception of the eighty acres given him by his father, at that time worth about sixteen dollars per acre, he has acquired all his possessions through his own efforts, being regarded as one of the most energetic, progressive and reliable farmers of this community. The most of his land was purchased at from forty dollars to one hundred and sixty dollars per acre. Mr. Wingert, however, attributes much of his success to his stock-raising interests, for he always devoted considerable attention to the raising of a high grade of cattle, horses and hogs. Prosperity having crowned his efforts, he felt justified in laying aside the more active duties of life and is now living retired in the enjoyment of a well earned rest.

On the 22d of October, 1868, Mr. Wingert was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Tevis, who was born in Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, September 17, 1847. She was only seven years of age when brought by her parents, John and Elizabeth (McNamee) Tevis, to Cedar county, Iowa. Her father was a native of Kentucky and her mother of Pittsburg, but they were married in Wheeling,

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West Virginia. For some time they made their home in the Keystone state before coming to Iowa. Mrs. Tevis died in Worthington, Minnesota, on the 3d of February, 1898, at the ripe old age of eighty-four years, and her husband passed away at Lexington, Nebraska, August 1, 1893, at the age of eighty-two years. He followed farming in Springfield township, this county, until 1888, when he removed to Nebraska and at one time owned two hundred acres of land in that state. His family consisted of five sons and four daughters. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wingert are: Lizzie Belle, now the wife of Ed Roberdee, living six miles east of Tipton; Arthur Albert, who died at the age of nineteen years; and Peter Earl, who resides in Center township, south of Tipton

Although his business interests have ever been extensive, Mr. Wingert has found time to devote to other affairs and served as justice of the peace while living in York Prairie for four or five terms. In his political views he is a democrat and fraternally is identified with Alhambra Lodge, K. P., of Tipton. He is an earnest and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and assisted in the erection of the beautiful church edifice in Tipton, serving on its building committee. He also helped to build the Methodist Episcopal church in York Prairie and has ever taken an active interest in those enterprises which he believed would prove of benefit to his fellowmen. In business affairs he was always regarded as thoroughly reliable, and he stands deservedly high in the esteem of his fellow citizens.

CHRISTIAN FEHLING.

Christian Fehling, an enterprising and successful agriculturist of Springfield township, was born in Westphalia, Germany, on the 14th of December, 1853, his parents being William and Christina (Rohling) Fehling, likewise natives of that country. The father passed away when his son Christian was but nine months old and the mother afterward married again, becoming the wife of Ernst Broeking, who was also born in Germany. Mr. Broeking brought his family to the United States in 1867, first spending a few weeks in Indianapolis, Indiana. In the fall of 1867 he came to Cedar county, Iowa, and for several years devoted his attention to the cultivation of rented land. He afterward purchased a farm of his own and, carrying on his agricultural interests in a practical and progressive manner, met with success in his undertakings. At the present time he is living retired in Lowden, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease. The period of his residence in this county now covers forty-three years and he enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance within its borders. His wife was called to her final rest in 1904. Their children were as follows: Christina, the wife of Dick Twachtman, of Springfield township; Sophia, who gave her hand in marriage to John Sanders and resides in Lowden, Iowa; Mrs. Henry Wiese, of Springfield township; Louise, the wife of R. Brower, of Lowden; Fred, who lives in Mitchell county, Iowa; and William, who died in infancy.

Christian Fehling, who is the only child of his mother's first marriage, was a youth of fourteen when he acccompanied his stepfather on the voyage to the new world. He remained under the parental roof for a year and then started out in life for himself, securing employment as a farm hand by the month. In 1882 he purchased eighty acres of his present farm from his stepfather and eleven years ago bought an eighty-acre tract adjoining. The many substantial improvements which now adorn the property stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise, and his careful supervision is manifest in the neat appearance of the farm. In addition to his home place he also owns an improved farm of eighty acres in Fairfield township, having purchased that property in the spring of 1910. Energetic and industrious, his well directed efforts and close application have been salient elements in the prosperity which he today enjoys and he is ranked among the substantial and representative agriculturists of the community.

On the 28th of September, 1882, in Cedar county, Mr. Fehling was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Kahl, whose birth occurred in Mecklenburg, Germany, on the 9th of July, 1865, her parents being Joseph and Elizabeth (Langpopp) Kahl, farming people of Fairfield township, this county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fehling were born six children, namely: Ida, who died at the age of one year and nine months; Lydia, at home; Martha, the wife of John Klatt, of Fairfield township; and William, Walter and Elma, who are likewise yet at home.

Politically Mr. Fehling is a stanch republican, having supported the men and measures of that party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He is a warm friend of the cause of education and has acted as a school director. Both he and his wife belong to the Evangelical church at Lowden and are deeply interested in its work. They are widely recognized as people of genuine personal worth and have gained many friends during their long residence here.

HENRY LICHT.

Henry Licht, one of the venerable and highly esteemed citizens of Cedar county, was for many years prominently identified with agricultural interests here but is now living retired on a farm a half mile west of Lowden. His birth occurred in the province of Hanover, Germany, on the 27th of August, 1828, and in that country he spent the first thirty-four years of his life. In 1862 he emigrated to the United States, locating in Illinois, where he worked as a farm hand for four years.

On the expiration of that period Mr. Licht came to Cedar county, Iowa, and for one year devoted his attention to the operation of a rented farm of one hundred and twenty acres. He then bought a tract of one hundred and sixty acres but subsequently sold eighty acres thereof. By his next purchase he came into possession of a farm of one hundred and eighty acres and was actively engaged in its operation until he disposed of the property. He after-

ward bought a tract of four hundred acres and the further cultivation and improvement of that property claimed his attention until the time of his retirement from active business life. He made many substantial improvements on each of his farms before disposing of them and has ever been a most energetic, industrious and enterprising agriculturist. On putting aside the active work of the fields he divided his property among his children, and now resides with his son Henry on a farm a half mile west of Lowden. His well directed labors were rewarded with a large degree of prosperity and he has long been numbered among the most substantial and respected citizens of the community.

In the year 1856, in Germany, Mr. Licht was united in marriage to Miss Dora Schroeder, by whom he had nine children, two of whom were born in the fatherland. Henry and August are deceased and the seven surviving children are as follows: William; Charles; Louis; Henry F.; Albert; Minnie, who is the wife of Fred Myer and resides in Springfield township, Cedar county; and Louisa, the wife of Henry Hintz, of Lowden.

Since becoming a naturalized American citizen Mr. Licht has exercised his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democracy. He has never held public office, however, finding that his private interests demand his entire time and attention. Both he and his wife are valued members of the Lutheran church at Lowden, taking a deep and helpful interest in its work. Mr. Licht served as superintendent of the Sunday school for years. For forty-four years he has made his home within the borders of Cedar county and his salient characteristics are such as have gained for him the unqualified respect, esteem and good will of his fellowmen. Leaving his native country in early manhood, he sought the opportunities of the new world and in a land where effort is unhampered by caste or class has worked his way steadily upward. He has now passed the eighty-second milestone on life's journey and can look back over the past without regret and forward to the future without fear.

J. W. HENRY BRAMMEIER.

J. W. Henry Brammeier, whose labors as an agriculturist have been attended with a gratifying measure of success, is the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land in Farmington township. His birth occurred in Cedar county, Iowa, on the 21st of August, 1863, his parents being Frederick and Annie Martha (Otto) Brammeier, who are mentioned at greater length on another page of this volume.

J. W. H. Brammeier supplemented his preliminary education, obtained in the district schools, by a course of study at the Wilton Normal Academy. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-six years of age, assisting his father in the operation of the home farm and thus gaining practical knowledge of the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. In 1889 he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, renting eighty acres of land, in the cultivation of which he was actively engaged for six years. During the

following four years he devoted his attention to the operation of a rented farm of one hundred and twenty acres and then purchased the tract of one hundred and twenty acres in Farmington township which has remained his place of abode to the present time. The many substantial improvements which now adorn the property, including a handsome residence, good barn and outbuildings, all stand as monuments to his industry and enterprise. In connection with the tilling of the soil he follows stock-raising to some extent, finding both branches of business congenial as well as profitable.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Brammeier chose Miss Lena Wacker, a daughter of Peter and Wilhelmina (Stender) Wacker, who were among the earliest settlers of Wilton, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Brammeier had two children, namely: Alma, who was born on the 10th of March, 1891; and Ernest, whose natal day was October 24, 1893. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in April, 1894.

Mr. Brammeier is a stalwart democrat in politics but has never sought nor desired office as a reward for his party fealty. In religious faith he is a Lutheran. Having resided in Cedar county from his birth to the present time, he has a wide acquaintance here and his friends know him as an enterprising agriculturist and a man of genuine worth.

GEORGE W. REEDER.

A student of history cannot carry his investigations far into the annals of Cedar county without learning of the prominent part which the Reeder family has played in the upbuilding and development of this section of the state along the lines of material, intellectual and moral progress. In all matters of progressive citizenship the Reeders have stood for that which most greatly benefits the community and George W. Reeder was no exception to this rule. His life was actuated by honorable principles and characterized by manly conduct. He was one of four brothers who have made the name an honored one in Cedar county. They were the sons of George and Sophia Reeder.

He whose name introduces this review was born in Goshen, Clermont county, Ohio, September 21, 1833, and was a youth of seventeen years when, in the fall of 1850, he came with his parents to Cedar county, Iowa, remaining thereafter a resident of this district until his death, which occurred July 30, 1890. He was reared to the occupation of farming and throughout his entire life engaged in agricultural pursuits and in stock-raising. He became the owner of two hundred and forty acres of rich land about three and one-half miles northwest of Tipton and resided thereon from the time of his marriage until his death. In addition to that property he became the owner of forty-five acres on Rock creek. He lived the quiet and industrious but useful life of a farmer, and his energy, activity and perseverance in business brought him a substantial capital, enabling him to leave his family in comfortable financial circumstances.

On the 26th of November, 1867, Mr. Reeder was united in marriage to Miss Emma S. Horn, who was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, November 23,

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1846, and came to Cedar county with her parents in 1854. They settled about three miles south of Tipton and Mrs. Reeder has since made her home in this vicinity, having been a resident of Tipton for the past fifteen years. She is a daughter of J. C. and Mary (Filson) Horn, who were natives of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, where they resided until they came to Iowa, spending their remaining days upon a farm in Cedar county. The mother, who was born March 6, 1820, died on the 1st of September, 1877, and the father, who was born January 24, 1819, survived his wife for some years, passing away on the 15th of March, 1884. Both were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they took an active and helpful part, contributing in large measure to its upbuilding and guiding their lives in accordance with its teachings. The father was a republican in his political views and held a number of local offices. In the Horn family were the following children: Mrs. Martha Edge and Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, both of whom are now deceased; Mrs. Reeder; Melinda M., who died in early womanhood; William H., who has passed away; J. S., of Omaha, Nebraska; and G. P., who is living near St. Edward, Nebraska.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Reeder there were born six children: Alfred F., now a resident of Tipton; Bertha, the wife of J. W. Batcheller of Yankton, South Dakota; Harry H., a banker of Goldfield, Iowa; Bessie, at home; Floyd, who is living on a farm near Tipton; and Nellie, who is now teaching in the university at Columbia, Missouri. She is a graduate of Cornell College and the other children also attended Cornell College, of which institution three are graduates.

Mr. Reeder was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church from 1870 until his death and took an active and helpful part in church work, cooperating in many movements for the moral advancement of the community. In politics he was a stanch republican with firm faith in the principles of the party and held some local offices. While his life was a quiet one, it was also the embodiment of many of the elements of strong and honorable manhood. He closely followed the principles which he believed to be right and his fidelity in citizenship, his reliability in business and his integrity and loyalty in other relations of life gained for him the warm regard of all with whom he came in contact. He passed away July 30, 1890, but is yet kindly remembered by all who knew him.

HENRY OHLROGGE.

Henry Ohlrogge, who has won a gratifying measure of success in his undertakings as an agriculturist, is the owner of a well improved and productive farm of one hundred and eighteen acres in Springfield township. His birth occurred in the province of Hanover, Germany, on the 12th of March, 1867, and in that country he spent the first twenty-four years of his life. In 1890, having determined to establish his home on this side the Atlantic, he sailed for American shores and in the year 1890 purchased and located upon a farm of one hundred and eighteen acres in Cedar county, Iowa. He has resided thereon

continuously since and has brought the place under a high state of cultivation and improvement, having erected a handsome modern residence, good barns and all necessary outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he also devotes considerable attention to the raising of stock, which branch of his business adds materially to his income.

While still a resident of the fatherland Mr. Ohlrogge was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Ruchotski, likewise a native of Germany. Unto them have been born six children, namely: Denna, Marie, Albert, Diedrich, Anna and Martha. The family attend the services of the Lutheran church at Lowden. Mr. Ohlrogge has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the United States, for in his home community he has gained an enviable reputation as a substantial and esteemed citizen.

AUGUST WACKER.

August Wacker, the owner of two hundred and fifty acres of land in Cedar county, devotes his time and energies to the pursuits of farming and stock-raising with excellent results. His birth occurred in Holstein, Germany, on the 15th of December, 1857, his parents being Peter and Wilhelmina (Stender) Wacker, who were born, reared and married in that country. The father, who was a builder of gristmills in Holstein, emigrated to the United States in July, 1869, first residing in Davenport, Iowa, for a short time. In May, 1870, he took up his abode in Wilton, Iowa, there working at the wagonmaker's trade until the time of his retirement from active business life. His demise occurred on the 23d of January, 1896. Unto him and his wife were born ten children, namely: August, of this review; John; Henry; George; Charles; Lena, who is deceased; William; Lottie, who is the wife of Albert Barwold, of Tipton, Iowa; Peter; and Louisa, who gave her hand in marriage to William Brammeier, of Farmington township.

August Wacker attended the German and district schools of Scott and Muscatine counties in pursuit of an education but his parents were in limited financial circumstances and he put aside his text-books at an early age in order that he might provide for his own support. He worked as a farm hand until he had attained the age of twenty-three years and then devoted his attention to the operation of a rented farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Muscatine county for two years. On the expiration of that period he bought eighty acres of his present home place in Farmington township, subsequently adding to his holdings from time to time until he now owns two hundred and fifty acres of fine farming land in Cedar county. A tract of one hundred and sixty acres lies in Farmington township, while the remaining ninety acres are in Sugar Creek township, ten acres thereof being timber land. His undertakings as an agriculturist have been attended with a gratifying measure of success and in connection with the tilling of the soil he also raises considerable stock, feeding a carload of cattle annually. He remodeled his residence, erected barns and

outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock and has made the property a most desirable and attractive one.

On the 26th of February, 1880, Mr. Wacker was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Brammeier, a daughter of Henry Brammeier, who is deceased. Our subject and his wife now have nine children, as follows: Etta, who is the wife of Frank Marolf and resides in South Dakota; Henry, a twin brother of Etta, who is at home; Della, who is likewise under the parental roof; Eleanor, the wife of Clarence Carl, of Cedar county; Edith, who wedded George Stoll, of Mount Pulaski, Illinois; Emma and Albert, who are also still at home; Edwin, who resides with his sister, Mrs. Stoll, at Mount Pulaski, Illinois; and Richard, at home.

Mr. Wacker is a republican in politics and is now serving as road supervisor for the second term. He and his family belong to the German Lutheran church and are deeply interested in its work. From early life Mr. Wacker has depended upon his own resources for a living. He soon realized that there is no royal road to wealth and that there is no excellence without labor. He found, too, that honesty is the best policy and that success can be most quickly and surely secured through unfaltering perseverance and close application. These qualities have characterized him throughout his entire life and have made him one of the valued and representative farmers and successful business men of Farmington township.

C. G. MUESING.

C. G. Muesing, who has resided within the borders of Cedar county for a third of a century, was first identified with industrial interests here as a carpenter of Lowden, afterward conducted a furniture and undertaking establishment in that town for a period of eleven years and since 1894 has carried on general agricultural pursuits. His farm embraces one hundred and eighty acres of arable land in Springfield township and in its cultivation he has won a well merited measure of success.

His birth occurred in Westphalia, Germany, on the 22d of April, 1855, his parents being Gottlieb and Marie (Pranger) Muesing, who spent their entire lives in that country. He remained in the fatherland until sixteen years of age and there obtained his education. In 1871 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, first locating in Indiana, where he learned the carpenter's trade and worked at that occupation for five years. On the expiration of that period, in 1876, he came to Lowden, Cedar county, Iowa, and here continued to work at carpentering until 1883. In that year he embarked in the furniture and undertaking business at Lowden, conducting a successful establishment of that character until 1894, when he disposed of his interests in this connection and purchased one hundred and eighty acres of land in Springfield township. To the further cultivation and improvement of that farm he has devoted his time and energies continuously since and in connection with the tilling of the soil is also engaged in stock-raising.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Muesing chose Miss Fredericka Hillman, who was born in Germany on the 24th of November, 1860. Her parents passed away in that country and in 1878 she emigrated to the United States in company with her sister and brother-in-law, Diedrich Reinking, coming direct to Cedar county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Muesing have been born six children, namely: C. H., living in this county; Annie, who is the wife of M. B. Pauls, of Cedar county; Minnie, who gave her hand in marriage to Emil Ebbert, of this county; and Emma, Carolina and Alfred, all at home.

In early manhood Mr. Muesing gave his political allegiance to the democracy, but when that party advocated free silver he became a republican and has since been a stanch supporter of the principles of the latter party. He held the offices of councilman and treasurer while a resident of Lowden, has also acted as road supervisor and for a period of five years served as school director. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Brotherhood at Lowden. He and his wife attend the services of the Evangelical church at that place and are well known and highly esteemed as people of genuine personal worth. Germany has furnished to the United States many bright, enterprising young men who have left the fatherland to enter the business circles of this country with its more progressive methods, livelier competition and advancement more quickly secured. Among this number is Mr. Muesing. He found the opportunity he sought in the freedom and appreciation of the growing country. Though born across the water, he is thoroughly American in thought and feeling, and is patriotic and sincere in his love for the stars and stripes. His career is identified with the history of Cedar county, where he has acquired a competence and where he is an honored and respected citizen.

THOMAS KADLEC.

Thomas Kadlec, a well known and capable farmer living on section 18, Gower township, is numbered among Iowa's native sons, his birth having occurred in Johnson county on the 3d of August, 1877. He was, however, only two years of age when brought to Cedar county by his parents, Joseph and Mary (Krofter) Kadlec, both of whom were natives of Bohemia, the father's birth having there occurred on the 2d of May, 1855, while the mother was born January 1, 1858. He was seventeen years of age when he came to the new world with his parents, while Mrs. Kadlec was a little child of two years when her parents crossed the Atlantic, both families settling in Johnson county, Iowa. Joseph and Mary Kadlec are now residents of Scott township, Johnson county, their home being a mile and a half west of West Branch. Their family numbered six children: Thomas, of this review; Wesley, living at home; Anna, the wife of John Galvin of Johnson county; Emma; May, living with Thomas; and Joseph, at home.

The paternal grandparents were Joseph and Anna Kadlec, natives of Bohemia, who spent their last days in Cedar Rapids, Linn county. Joseph Kad-

lec, Sr., had retired from business and spent his last days in the enjoyment of a well earned rest. He had come to America empty-handed but as the years passed accumulated a handsome competence through his well directed efforts in farming. His family numbered three sons and three daughters, all of whom were born in Bohemia. The maternal grandparents of Thomas Kadlec were James and Mary Krofter. They, too, were born in Bohemia and the year 1860 witnessed their arrival in Johnson county, Iowa. The latter died on the home farm in Cedar township, Johnson county, about fifteen years ago, while Mr. Krofter now resides with his son on the old homestead at the venerable age of eighty-seven years. He, too, came to the United States with only courage and determination to serve as a foundation on which to build his success. He not only won a handsome competence for himself but also aided his children in gaining a good start in life. His family numbered five sons and three daughters.

In his youthful days Thomas Kadlec, whose name introduces this record, attended the public schools and through the winter seasons and in periods of vacation worked on the farm. He thus gained practical experience concerning the best methods of tilling the fields and cultivating the crops. Throughout his life he has followed farming and is today the owner of an excellent tract of land of two hundred acres situated on section 18, Gower township. Here he carries on general farming and stock-raising, devoting his attention to the cereals best adapted to the soil and climate and to the raising of such stock as appears to him profitable when placed upon the market. He also owns a half-interest in a lot in West Branch. He has never married and his sister May is acting as his housekeeper. He belongs to the Catholic church at Iowa City and also holds membership in the Modern Woodmen of America. Almost his entire life has been spent in this county and all who know him recognize in him an enterprising business man whose close attention to his interests is bringing him a success which numbers him with the representative farmers of the district.

JULIUS LAGE.

Julius Lage, a representative and successful agriculturist of Farmington township, owns and operates a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of land which annually yields bounteous harvests. His birth occurred in Holstein, Germany, on the 10th of October 1871, his parents being Henry and Magdalene Lage, who still make their home in that country. He obtained his education in the fatherland and there spent the first twenty-seven years of his life, being employed as a farm hand. In 1898, having determined to establish his home on this side the Atlantic, he emigrated to the United States and came direct to Cedar county, Iowa. Here he first worked as a farm hand for three years and then purchased the old home place of his uncle, Hans Lage, the property comprising one hundred and sixty acres in Farmington township. It has remained his place of abode continuously since and is an excellent farming property, the improve-

ments thereon including a substantial residence, good outbuildings, etc. He has been energetic, industrious and persevering, and in consequence has obtained a gratifying measure of success, not only from growing cereals but also from raising stock—a phase of his business activities to which he devotes considerable attention.

On the 14th of February, 1902, in Davenport, Mr. Lage was united in marriage to Miss Annie Buck, a daughter of Carl and Dora Buck, who are natives of Germany and emigrated to America in 1899. They are now residents of Farmington township, living on a farm one-fourth of a mile east of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Lage have four children, as follows: Arnold, who was born on the 1st of August, 1905; Hilda, whose birth occurred May 1, 1907; Edna, whose natal day was July 4, 1908; and Martha, who was born on the 15th of January, 1910.

Mr. Lage gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is a most loyal and public-spirited citizen. He and his wife are devoted and consistent members of the German Lutheran church, exemplifying its teachings in their daily lives. They have gained many friends throughout the community, having always displayed those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime awaken confidence and esteem.

G. L. PETERS.

The agricultural interests of Cedar county find a worthy representative in G. L. Peters, one of her native sons, his birth having occurred in Springfield township, near Lowden, on the 27th of November, 1862. He is a son of Claus and Louise (Albert) Peters, both natives of Germany, the former of Holstein and the latter of Hanover. The year 1855 witnessed their arrival in the new world, their home being established first in Illinois, while later, about 1860, they removed to Iowa and in this state continued to make their home. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, followed that pursuit in Cedar and Scott counties for a number of years but subsequently retired from active life, selling his farm to his second son and taking up his home in Clarence, where he passed away in August, 1900, at the age of seventy-four years, eleven months and ten days. His wife still survives, at the age of sixty-eight years and makes her home with her daughter in Fairfield township. In their family were five children, who are as follows: G. L., of this review; Caroline, the widow of John Block, making her home in Long Beach, California; Fred, a retired farmer of Clarence; Minnie, the wife of William Ruther, of Fairfield township; and Henry, also a resident of this township.

G. L. Peters was a little lad of five years when his father sold the farm in Springfield township and removed to New Liberty, Scott county, and there the son spent the succeeding eight years, acquiring his education in the district schools of that county. At the expiration of that period, in 1875, the family returned to Cedar county, locating in Fairfield township, and here G. L. Peters grew to manhood. Upon entering the business world he took up farming as an occu-

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pation and was thus engaged in Fairfield township until 1905, in which year he went to Clarence and for four years successfully conducted a real-estate business in that town. Returning to Fairfield township, however, he again took up farming and has since devoted his attention to that field of labor. That he prospered in his undertaking was indicated by the fact that his farm, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres on section 5, well improved and equipped with all modern conveniences for facilitating farm labor, became one of the valuable properties of the community. He recently sold that place and has purchased a well improved and valuable farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Pioneer township. He is ranked among the substantial and representative agriculturists of the community.

Mr. Peters was united in marriage on the 31st of March, 1887, to Miss Anna L. Lange, who was born in Illinois on the 14th of October, 1858. She was a daughter of Philip and Clara Lange, natives of Germany, the former born in Saxony and the latter in Berne, and both passed away in Cedar county. Mrs. Peters died February 24, 1904, and she left beside her husband to mourn her loss five children, as follows: Malinda, born May 14, 1888; Paulina, born September 8, 1891; Iona, born September 16, 1895; Eleanor, born October 4, 1898; and Clara, born August 29, 1900. All are natives of Fairfield township.

The religious faith of Mr. Peters is indicated in his membership in the German Evangelical church of Clarence, while his fraternal relations are with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Modern Brotherhood of America, both of Tipton. His political support has been given to the democratic party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and for four years he served in various school and road offices, while at present he is a candidate for the office of county clerk. He is a strong advocate of good roads; has also done all in his power to further the efficiency and standard of the school system of the county; and is an active worker in party ranks, where his efforts have been important and influential elements. With him perseverance, diligence and integrity have constituted the guiding posts of life, bringing him to the honorable position which he now occupies in the opinion of his fellow citizens, their respect and good will being the manifestation of their appreciation for the upright and manly principles which have ever governed his life.

J. F. ADAIR.

J. F. Adair, cashier of the West Branch State Bank, in the successful control of which his labors constitute an important element, was born in Graham township, Johnson county, Iowa, April 24, 1868. His father, Samuel F. Adair, was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, born July 24, 1838, a son of James and Lydia (Miller) Adair, who were natives of Pennsylvania, the former having been born near Philadelphia and the latter in Lancaster county. James Adair died in the Keystone state, while his wife passed away in Ohio. They were farming people and had a family of thirteen children, but only one is now living. Samuel F. Adair was the twelfth in order of birth. His brother William

served as a soldier in the Eleventh Indiana Infantry under General Wallace and in the Fifteenth Indiana Battery, doing active duty at the front for four years.

Samuel F. Adair was reared upon the home farm in his native county until 1854, when he went to Wayne county, Ohio, where he spent a year and a half in farming in connection with an uncle. In the winter of 1856-57 he arrived in Johnson county, Iowa, settling near Oasis, where he continued until after the outbreak of the Civil war. In September, 1861, he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting as a member of Company B, Fourteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, which later became the Seventh Iowa Cavalry. He served for three years and took part in all the engagements of his regiment, doing active duty on the frontier against the Indians. When the war was over he returned to Johnson county, where he engaged in farming for a few years, at the end of which time he bought a farm three miles north of West Branch in Gower township. There he carried on the work of tilling the soil until 1869, when he sold that property and went to California, where he followed farming for two and a half years. He next located in Oasis, Iowa, where he carried on merchandising for four years, at the end of which time he removed to Cedar county and again took up farming. After twenty-six years he sold that property and came to West Branch. He also spent three years in North Dakota, where he secured a homestead claim, which he still owns. He has resided in West Branch since 1907 and has now retired from active business life, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil. He has served as constable and as township supervisor and has ever been deeply interested in the political questions and issues of the day, giving his support to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. Fraternally he is connected with the Grand Army of the Republic and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In 1858 Samuel F. Adair was united in marriage to Miss Susan Hawley, who was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, and died in California in 1872. The children of that marriage were four in number: Mary, now the wife of O. M. Colip, of North Dakota; J. F., whose name introduces this review; Charles, who is living in Spokane, Washington; and Martha, who died in infancy. In 1873 Samuel F. Adair was again married, his second union being with Sarah Harrison, a native of England, who came to Iowa with her parents when about five years of age. There is one child of this marriage, Fred, who is now living in North Dakota.

J. F. Adair was born in Graham township, Johnson county, Iowa, April 24, 1868, and was only a year old when his parents removed to California, settling in Lake county. There they lived for five years and following the mother's death returned to Cedar county, Iowa. At that time the family home was established in West Branch, where J. F. Adair has since resided. He acquired a high-school education and also attended the Iowa City Commercial College. He became a railroad telegraph operator and for two years was thus connected with the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad. On the 1st of January, 1898, he became connected with the West Branch State Bank as bookkeeper, which position he occupied for seven years, at the end of which time he was promoted to cashier and has since acted in that capacity. The success of the

bank is due in no small measure to his efforts, for he is most loyal to its interests and does everything in his power to promote its growth and insure its success.

On the 19th of June, 1895, Mr. Adair was united in marriage to Miss Alice L. Kerr, who was born in Ohio, April 2, 1875, and in her early childhood came to Iowa with her parents, Servantes and Hannah (Baldwin) Kerr. Her father is now deceased but her mother is living in Chicago. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Adair have been born two children, Rex S. and Kenneth.

Mr. Adair belongs to Wapsinoc Lodge, No. 181, A. F. & A. M., and to West Branch chapter, R. A. M., of West Liberty. He is also connected with both the subordinate lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to the lodge at West Branch and to the encampment at West Liberty. He is likewise a member of the Modern Woodmen of America camp at West Branch and he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and he has served as a central committeeman and as town clerk for two terms. He is now filling the position of town treasurer, which office he has occupied for four terms. He is never remiss in the duties of citizenship but, on the contrary, fully meets every obligation that devolves upon him whether in public or private life.

CLARENCE RAY AURNER.

It was almost at the beginning of the Civil war when Clarence Ray Aurner was born in De Kalb county, Illinois, not far from the town of Sycamore, in the township of Kingston. His father, O. J. Aurner, has been a farmer throughout his entire life and was with his father when the latter came from Michigan in the '30s, settling in the vicinity of Chicago. About 1870 he removed to Iowa. The mother of Mr. Aurner bore the maiden name of Isabel J. Burchfield, and died at the age of twenty-eight years, when Mr. Aurner was five years of age, leaving three daughters as well as the little son. For four years they lived among relatives, being separated most of the time from the mother's death until 1871, when the father married again and made a home on the Iowa prairies in which to rear his children. The grandparents of Mr. Aurner on both the paternal and maternal side came from the state of Pennsylvania and both grandfathers lived to pass the ninety-second milestone on life's journey.

The country schools furnished the early training of Mr. Aurner and only so much time was allowed as the farm work could spare—three or four months in the year. He began teaching after eleven weeks of review in a private seminary in Waterloo, Iowa, and continued teaching in the winter classes for five years, during which period he spent one term at the State Normal school. He engaged in business for a short time, in 1887, and then disposed of his interest, returning to the normal school and completing the full course by graduation in the class of 1891. He obtained his life certificate in 1895 and since his graduation has been continuously connected with educational interests. He was

principal of the high school at Waverly in 1892-93, and superintendent of schools at Adel and Avoca from that date until 1902, when he resigned to enter the State University, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Philosophy degree in 1903. He continued his studies during the summer seasons and privately, spending one summer at Harvard and securing the Master of Arts degree from the Iowa State University in 1909. For seven years he was superintendent of the Tipton schools, the longest service of any man among twenty-two incumbents in the office since the school was organized. He resigned in 1910 and is now pursuing graduate work at the State University for the Ph. D. degree.

In 1896, in Des Moines, Iowa, Mr. Aurner was married to Miss Nellie A. Slayton, a native of this state, who has been teacher before and since her marriage in schools with him. She won the Ph. B. degree at the same time as her husband and was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa. Three sons were born to them but only one is now living, Robert, who is twelve years of age. Mr. Aurner is a republican in politics, with independent tendencies in local matters, where he supports the candidates best fitted for the office, exercising his right of franchise without dictation. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias and Masonic lodges, in both of which he has held office. During his student life he was active in the Young Men's Christian Association, and was president of the organization of the State Normal School for two years. For many years he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church but is a firm believer in the ultimate union of Christian people. He loves outdoor life, the freedom of the field and woods, and responds without effort to the call of nature. His profession, however, has confined him largely to the work of the schoolroom as instructor and pupil, for he has remained throughout life a student, utilizing summers and other periods to advance his own knowledge and render his labors more efficient in promoting the knowledge of others.

JOHN KREINBRING.

There is no more worthy success than that which comes as the result of unfaltering industry, earnest endeavor and well defined labor—qualities which have characterized the efforts of John Kreinbring throughout a lifetime of hard toil and unceasing diligence. He was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, on the 8th of June, 1854, a son of Charles Kreinbring, also a native of that country. The father came to the United States in 1858 and while on the voyage across the Atlantic lost his wife and two-year old daughter. Before leaving the fatherland he had borrowed one hundred dollars but upon arriving in Davenport, Iowa, had only ten cents and three motherless children. The outlook was indeed dark, but, undaunted by the circumstances, he placed the children in good homes until he could establish another home for them, and at once set about earning a livelihood. He was first employed as a day laborer in Scott county, near Davenport, and was similarly employed in Clinton county for two years, after which he engaged in farming on rented land for eleven years. Living economically he was at

length able to purchase a farm and in 1869 bought one hundred and sixty acres in Cedar county, on which he located the following year. He continued to make his home on that place, which was located on section 4, Springfield township, and there passed away on the 19th of April, 1894. The three sons born of his first union are all yet living, namely: Charles, of Lowden; Fred, residing in Springfield township; and John, of this review. After the death of his first wife he was united in marriage to Mrs. Sophia Becker, who had two children by a former marriage. Her union with Mr. Kreinbring was blessed with two children: Mrs. Charles Richmann, of Springfield township; and Mrs. Gus Alberts, now deceased. The second wife also passed away, after which he wedded Miss Sophia Runge, now deceased.

John Kreinbring was only four years of age when he came with his father to America, and, losing his mother at that time, he lived with strangers until his father established another home by his second marriage. In that home he continued to live until twenty-three years of age and then, starting out in the business world on his own account, he wisely chose as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared and has since directed his energies to agricultural pursuits. His first purchase made him owner of eighty acres of land, which he acquired from his father. This was but slightly improved, and he devoted himself to its development and cultivation for seven years, after which he purchased another tract of eighty acres, upon which he erected a house and there took up his abode. In the spring of 1910 he bought the old homestead from his brother Fred, and he is now remodeling it, and in the operation and improvement of his three farms his time is fully occupied. All have been brought under a high state of cultivation and annually return rich harvests for the care and attention bestowed upon them. He carries on general farming and is meeting with most gratifying success.

The marriage of Mr. Kreinbring occurred in Cedar county, on the 17th of November, 1876, the lady of his choice being Miss Maria Schramm. She was born in Hanover, Germany, on the 9th of May, 1856, a daughter of John and Margaret (VonMacher) Schramm, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Kreinbring have become the parents of seven children, of which number Fred and John passed away in infancy. The surviving members of the family are: Louise, the wife of W. C. Schmidt, of Springfield township; Louis, who married Maggie Miller and resides in Springfield township; Henry, who married Agnes Gundlack, also of Springfield township; and Amelia and George, both yet at home.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Kreinbring has given his support to the democratic party and for thirteen years served as township trustee and for fifteen years was school director, his long continuance in office indicating in a degree the position of trust and confidence in which he is held by his fellow citizens. He and his wife are members of the Evangelical church, and both enjoy the unqualified respect and esteem entertained for them throughout the community in which they reside. Mrs. Kreinbring is proving an excellent and capable helpmate to her husband and assists in every way possible to further his interests. For years she boarded the school teacher and did

her washing for one dollar and twenty-five cents per week. Both are very hard-working people, and as a result of their unceasing toil and of the frugality which is a part of their German birthright, they have accumulated a most comfortable competence and are today numbered among the well-to-do residents of Springfield township.

CHARLES HEINER.

Agricultural, banking and real-estate circles have all felt the stimulus of Charles Heiner's keen business sagacity, and few men occupy a more prominent place among the citizens of Lowden than he. One of Iowa's native sons, he was born in Clinton county on the 18th of May, 1857, and has therefore passed the half century mark on life's journey. His father, Henry Heiner, was born in Germany but at an early date came to America, casting his lot among the pioneer settlers of Clinton county. Throughout his active life he was engaged in farming but now lives retired in Lowden, having reached the ripe old age of eighty-seven years. His sketch appears on another page of the volume.

Charles Heiner was reared upon the farm, and amid the wholesome scenes and healthful environment of country life he learned clean habits and the value of industry, energy and integrity. He received his mental training in the common schools and remained with his parents on the home farm until attaining his majority. Then, taking up independently the occupation to which he had been reared, he purchased a farm of three hundred and twenty-one acres in Clinton and Cedar counties and there carried on agricultural pursuits for a number of years. It was during this period that he first began to realize the value of those early lessons which had been instilled into his mind under the direction of his father and which bore rich fruit in later years. His efforts in agricultural fields proved most successful, and he continued his labors therein until twelve years ago, when, wishing to enjoy the opportunities offered by city life, he left the farm and took up his abode in Lowden. Two years later he became identified with banking interests, assisting in the organization of the Lowden Savings Bank, of which institution he has been president for the past three years. As chief executive he is carefully managing the affairs of the institution with whose interests his own are so closely identified, and the policy which he maintains in the conduct of the bank's business is one which has awakened the confidence and trust of the general public. In connection with H. H. Petersen, the cashier of the Lowden Savings Bank, he is also engaged in the real-estate business, their firm being a well known and prominent one. They handle Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa land, and their trade in this direction has reached extensive proportions.

Aside from his successful and important business interests Mr. Heiner is the owner of three hundred and twenty-one acres of valuable land in Clinton and Cedar counties, and also possesses an interest in a quarter section of land in North Dakota, which are sources of gratifying remuneration.

In 1883, in Cedar county, the wedding of Mr. Heiner and Miss Mary Reinking was celebrated, the bride being a native of Germany. Unto them have been

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born seven children, all daughters, as follows: Anna, the wife of E. B. Miller; and Martha, Elizabeth, Emma, Hattie, Elma and Meta. Interested, as all American citizens should be in the politcal situation of the country, Mr. Heiner has thoroughly informed himself concerning the questions and issues of the day and gives stalwart support to the principles of the republican party. The conduct of large business interests, however, has made it impossible for him to enter deeply into political matters, although all measures which touch upon the general welfare and the upbuilding of the community find in him a stalwart advocate. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Evangelical church, the teachings of which he exemplifies daily in both business and private life. His excellent business capacity and the success which has accompanied his efforts in the various channels in which he has labored have won him a foremost place among the most prominent and influential citizens of Lowden. His great popularity with his fellowmen, however, has its foundation not so much in the position to which he has attained in the business world as in his kindly disposition, his genial manner and above all the high principles which have ever governed his life. At all times honorable in his dealings with others, his life has ever measured up to the highest standard of manhood, and his is a splendid example of the power and force of earnest effort, of high principle and of right living.

J. W. RORICK.

J. W. Rorick, the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and eighty acres in Inland township, is numbered among the worthy native sons of Cedar county, his birth having occurred in Sugar Creek township on the 18th of April, 1856. His father, William Rorick, was a native of Hanover, Germany, and emigrated to the United States when eighteen years of age, settling on a farm near Bucyrus, Ohio. In 1851 he took up his abode among the early settlers of Cedar county, Iowa, first residing in the town of Rochester for six years. On the expiration of that period he located on the farm which remained his place of abode throughout the remainder of his life, his demise occurring in 1896 when he had attained the age of seventy-six years. He won a gratifying measure of success in the conduct of his agricultural interests, accumulating four hundred acres of valuable land. He was a lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal church and daily exemplified its teachings.

While still a resident of Ohio, William Rorick wedded a Miss Wise, by whom he had two children, namely: John, who makes his home in Iowa county; and Lucinda, the wife of William Allen, of Jefferson, Greene county, Iowa. For his second wife William Rorick chose Miss Julia A. Pirkey, a native of Virginia, whom he wedded in this county. Unto them were born the following children: J. W., of this review; Mary E., the wife of Guy Langley, of Sugar Creek township, Cedar county; William L., now deceased, who likewise made his home in Sugar Creek township, this county; and two who died in infancy. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in 1892 at the age of seventy-two years.

J. W. Rorick remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority and early in life became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist as he assisted his father in the work of the home farm. When twenty-one years of age he located on his present place, having one hundred and forty acres on section 17, Inland township, which he and his brother purchased from their father. J. W. Rorick subsequently bought his brother's interest and the property has remained in his possession continuously since. He likewise owns another tract of forty acres on section 19, Inland township, and a quarter section of land in Fayette county, making in all three hundred and forty acres. The neat and thrifty appearance of his home farm indicates the supervision of a practical and progressive owner and the many substantial improvements thereon stand as monuments to his industry and enterprise. He cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and annually gathers rich crops which find a ready sale on the market. He is a lover of horses and owns some fine specimens of the noble steed. The Farmers Bank at Wilton, Iowa, numbers him among its stockholders.

On the 15th of October, 1885, Mr. Rorick was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Smith, a native of Davis county, Iowa, and a daughter of William and Melinda (Evans) Smith, who were born in Kentucky and Indiana respectively. They came to Iowa in 1850, locating in Davis county. William Smith was an agriculturist by occupation and passed away in 1896, being survived for a number of years by his wife, whose demise occurred in 1908. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rorick have been born three children, namely: Everett, who resides with his father, wedded Miss Nola Reynolds and has one son, James Lester, born September 2, 1908; Ada is the wife of John Pearsall, a farmer of Inland township; and Roy is at home.

In politics Mr. Rorick is independent, voting for men and measures rather than party. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Presbyterian church. In the county where his entire life has been spent he is widely and favorably known, the circle of his friends being almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

H. GRANT HEMINGWAY.

H. Grant Hemingway, who follows farming on section 8, Linn township, is associated with his father in the ownership and cultivation of three hundred and thirty-one acres of land that is as rich and valuable as any in Cedar county. He was born in Springdale township, November 18, 1884, and is a son of A. N. Hemingway, a native of Iowa, where he was reared and married, the lady of his choice being Miss Ada Adams, who was born in Jackson county. Mr. Hemingway is a well known business man and farmer of Cedar county, his enterprise and resourcefulness enabling him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

H. Grant Hemingway, spending his youthful days on the home farm, learned the practical methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops, nor was his

entire attention given to the work of the fields, for his mental training was not neglected. He is a graduate of the West Branch high school of the class of 1904, and reading and observation are constantly broadening his mind, rendering him one of the well informed men of the district. He remained with his father until twenty-two years of age, and then took up his abode upon the farm where he now resides, his attention being given to the raising of crops and stock. Both branches of his business are proving profitable, indicating his capable management and keen discernment. He makes a specialty of raising hogs and horses, feeding a large number of the former each year for the market.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, Mr. Hemingway has given his support to the republican party, his first presidential vote being cast for William H. Taft. He has been elected and served for one term as assessor of Linn township and has been renominated. He attends and supports the Methodist Episcopal church and is a member of the Modern Woodmen camp at Mechanicsville. A young man of good business ability, he does not regard difficulties and obstacles as a bar to progress but rather as an impetus for greater endeavor. He is widely known in both Cedar and Johnson counties and is rapidly working his way to the front among the representative agriculturists and business men of the community. That his time is fully occupied with his business affairs may be imagined when it is seen that he superintends and operates a farm of three hundred and thirty-one acres, every rod of which is arable. It is pleasantly situated on section 8, Linn township, not far from Lisbon, so that the advantages of town as well as of country life may be easily obtained.

JOHN WESLEY HORN.

Within the boundaries of Cedar county John Wesley Horn has now made his home for fifty-eight years and has witnessed almost its entire growth and development. He has not only watched with interest its progress but has materially aided in the advancement of the county, especially along agricultural lines. He was born on the 4th of October, 1850, in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, of which state his parents, Henry Clark and Ann Maria (Barrick) Horn, were also natives. The family continued to reside in that locality until the fall of 1852, when they came west and settled in Cedar county. During the remainder of his life the father lived in or near Tipton, his time and attention being devoted to agricultural pursuits, and he was regarded as one of the most progressive and successful farmers of his community. He was born on the 7th of July, 1822, and died November 19, 1885, while his wife, whose birth occurred December 31, 1819, passed away on the 9th of November, 1901. They were the parents of the following children: Mary Jane, who is now the wife of J. D. Howard and a resident of Denver, Colorado; William F., of Tipton; Amanda Maria, the deceased wife of John Anderson; John Wesley, of this review; James B., deceased; Emma Belle, who died in childhood; Ann Eliza, the deceased wife of George Fitzgerald, a resident of Denver, Colorado; Charles Lewis, who died in infancy; and Charles C., a resident of Memphis, Missouri.

Being but two years of age when brought by his parents to Iowa, John W. Horn was here reared to manhood, acquiring his education principally in the schools of Tipton, where he attended the high school and later spent a short time at Western College. Since starting out in life for himself he has followed farming and has spent almost his entire life in Cedar county with the exception of a year or two, residing mostly in or near Tipton. For the past fourteen years he has resided in Springdale township and now owns and operates a tract of twenty-five acres, a part of which lies within the corporation limits of the village of Springdale. At one time he also owned another eighty-acre tract here, which he has sold, and today has two hundred and forty acres in Wyoming, which he purchased on speculation.

Mr. Horn was married October 14, 1875, to Miss Sarah Jane Ross, likewise a native of Pennsylvania, her birth occurring in Franklin county, September 26, 1854. During her childhood she came to Iowa with her parents, John B. and Sarah Ann (Kirkpatrick) Ross, who were born in Pennsylvania and died in Cedar county, Iowa. On coming to this state, however, they first located in Linn county. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Horn, as follows: Frank R., now a farmer of Iowa township; Allie, the wife of Lewis Millett, of Springdale township; Hattie May, the wife of Guy E. Witmer, of Hardin county, Iowa; Grace, the wife of Alva A. Pearson, of Springdale; and Ruth, at home. Besides his own children Mr. Horn has reared and educated a nephew, William Ernest Anderson, who is now express messenger for the United States Express Company at Marshalltown, Iowa.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Horn has affiliated with the republican party and has been called upon to fill several local offices. He has always taken an active interest in educational affairs and most efficiently served as a member of the school board for three years. Religiously both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and they have the respect and confidence of all who know them.

THOMAS HAIN.

The founders of a state are not merely the men who handle the reins of government and control the public policy, but are also those who carry civilization into hitherto wild regions and develop the natural resources of the state. Such a one was Thomas Hain, who came to Cedar county in pioneer days and from that time to the date of his death, on the 22d of November, 1906, he was numbered among its most helpful, honored and public-spirited citizens.

He was born in Ohio on the 26th of June, 1821, a son of John Hain, in whose family were the following children: Elnathan, Leonard, John, Levi, Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary, Rhoda and Thomas. The last named was taken to Tippecanoe county, Indiana, in his early youth, and it was there that he was reared. In 1847 he came to Cedar county, Iowa, and lived two years, after which he returned to his old home in Indiana. He only spent five years there, however, returning once more to Cedar county, for he was now fully convinced that this

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state offered splendid opportunities to the agriculturist and he decided to make this a permanent place of abode. He located in Sugar Creek township but after spending some time there, crossed the township line into Rochester, where he continued his operations as a farmer and stock-raiser, making the raising of cattle his chief occupation. He purchased land from time to time and at one period in his life owned almost a thousand acres in Rochester township. He was a careful man of business, was quick to note opportunities for investment, and thus it was that he became a prosperous man.

Mr. Hain was married in 1846 to Miss Ursula Hecathorn, who was born in Indiana, March 11, 1826, and resided in that state until the time of her marriage. The children of this union are: Levi J., a resident of Muscatine, Iowa; Zimri S., a resident of Wilton Junction, this state; Julia, the wife of Charles A. Zeisig, a resident of Rochester township; Linus C., of Haynes, North Dakota; and Charles S., who is mentioned below. After a happy married life covering more than a half century, Mr. and Mrs. Hain were separated by the death of the husband, which occurred November 22, 1906. Mrs. Hain is still living at the advanced age of eighty-four years, making her home with her son Charles on the farm in Rochester township, which has been her place of residence for so many years.

Mr. Hain was a republican in his political views and affiliations. While he accumulated wealth, he also found time and opportunity to do much for the development and improvement of his home locality and though he has passed from this life his memory will long be cherished not only by the members of his own household but by all who knew him.

CHARLES S. HAIN.

Charles S. Hain, the youngest of the five children in his father's family, was born October 7, 1865, on the farm which is now his home. He was early trained in the work of the fields and continued to assist his father until 1889, when, as a young man of twenty-four years, he left the farm and went to Moscow, where he conducted a general store and also handled grain and farm implements. He was likewise appointed postmaster of the village. After seven years he disposed of his general stock and implements, handling only grain. In this connection he also engaged in the manufacture of gun stocks for the government. His time was thus spent until his father's death in 1906, when he returned to the home farm and now owns two hundred and eighty acres of the homestead property, which is located on sections 17, 18, 19 and 20, Rochester township, his residence standing on section 19. He has here a well improved property, which is lacking in none of the accessories and equipments usually found on a model farm. He is engaged in general farming and is meeting with success.

Charles Hain was married on the 18th of May, 1895, to Miss Effie L. Parker, who was born in Muscatine county, Iowa, on the 9th of July, 1879, a daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Parker. Eight children have blessed this union: Ruth, Emmons, Fillmore, Verlee, Mary, Genevieve, Leslie and Linden. Verlee died when but eighteen months old. The family is highly respected in the community where their friends are numbered by the score.

CHARLES SCHIELE.

Charles Schiele, one of Iowa's native sons, is descended from families which have long been represented in this state. Born in Farmington township, Cedar county, on the 16th of May, 1870, he is a son of Charles L. and Elizabeth (Bernick) Schiele, both natives of Saxony, Germany, the former born in Wittenberg, December 16, 1840, and the latter in Rhodensia on the 28th of May, 1849. The father was a son of Carl and Wilhelmina (Wattenberg) Schiele, who came to America at an early day, locating in Iowa, where they passed away. Their family consisted of four sons and one daughter. The maternal grandparents of our subject were Mortz and Augusta Bernick, who also passed away in Muscatine county, Iowa. In their family were three sons and two daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Schiele, the parents of our subject, came to the new world in early youth, the former at the age of thirteen years and the latter at the age of eleven, the families locating in Montpelier, Muscatine county, and Walcott, Scott county, respectively. They were united in marriage in Muscatine county. Mr. Schiele, however, had previously resided in Cedar county for several years, and after his marriage continued to make his home in this county for some time, actively engaged in the occupation of farming in Farmington township. He was very successful and at one time owned nine hundred and forty acres of land, all of which he acquired entirely through his own well directed efforts. Upon his retirement from active life, which occurred in 1903, he was the owner of a fine farm of four hundred acres. In the latter year he removed with his wife to Davenport, where they now make their home, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of their former toil. In their family were five children, as follows: Charles, of this review; Gustave, residing in Durant, Farmington township; Mortz, of Chicago, Illinois; Rudolph, a resident of Downey; and Clara, at home.

On the old homestead in Farmington township, Charles Schiele spent the period of his boyhood, acquiring his early education in the country schools near his father's home and later graduating from the Wilton Academy at Wilton, Iowa. When not busily engaged with his text-books, he assisted in the work of the fields, early becoming familiar with all the tasks that fall to the lot of the country lad. He remained at home until 1900, when he removed to his present farm, where he has since continuously resided. The place, which is located on section 18, Iowa township, consists of three hundred and twenty acres of land, all highly improved and yielding good harvests in return for the care and labor bestowed upon it. Mr. Schiele has made a careful study of agriculture, and that his early training was most thorough and comprehensive and his later methods progressive and up-to-date, is indicated by the substantial success which has

crowned his efforts in this direction. He has also given much attention to stock-raising, specializing in high grades of all kinds, and this branch of his business is also proving most remunerative.

It was in the year 1899 that Mr. Schiele was united in marriage to Miss Emma Miller, who was born in Farmington township on the 28th of March, 1875, a daughter of William and Lena (Leith) Miller, natives of Germany. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Schiele have been born two children, Carl and Helen.

In politics Mr. Schiele has been a stanch democrat since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and he has been active and helpful in promoting the interests of that organization in the community in which he has resided. A warm champion of the cause of education, he has served for several years as school director, five years in Farmington township and eight years in Iowa township, and in the summer of 1910 was the democratic nominee for the office of county supervisor. Progressive and public-spirited in his citizenship, he has ever supported those measures which have had for their object the upbuilding and growth of the community in which he has resided, and his many excellent traits of character have constituted him a most valued citizen.

FRANK K. GLEASON.

There came into Iowa in the first half of the nineteenth century courageous men who undertook the task of developing the region hitherto inhabited by red men and the haunt of wild animals and wild game. It was a stupendous work that lay before them, but with undaunted spirit they accomplished it and laid the foundation for later progress. Then came the sons of these men who continued the work which their fathers had begun and builded upon the broad foundations which the fathers had laid the superstructure of progress and prosperity that has given Cedar county rank with the leading counties of this great commonwealth. Frank K. Gleason belongs to the latter class while his father was one of the pioneers who blazed the path of civilization here.

He was born April 10, 1861, on the farm where he yet makes his home, his parents being Myron W. and Amanda (Walbridge) Gleason, who are represented on another page of this volume. The home farm was his playground in youth and his training field for life's cares, duties and responsibilities. The work of the fields early became familiar to him and his farm labors were alternated with attendance at the district school. He remained with his father until after he had attained his majority, and following his marriage operated the farm for a year. He then located where he now resides, renting five hundred acres of land for five years, after which he invested in two hundred and four acres. The further development and improvement of the place was at once begun, and his activity is manifest in the fact that he erected a large and comfortable residence, also built two big barns, two double corn cribs and sheds that are necessary in protecting grain and stock from inclement weather. The golden harvests gathered in the late autumn are proof of his labor in the early springtime. He raises and feeds stock, fattening and selling from three

to four carloads of stock each year. He has made a specialty of breeding Hereford cattle and now has a fine herd of high grade and pure blooded stock of seventy-three head. In fact he is one of the best known dealers in Hereford cattle in this part of the state, much of his farm being given over to pasture lands, although he has also extensive and well cultivated fields upon his place of two hundred and sixty acres, which is situated on sections 15, 16, 21 and 22, Pioneer township. His resourceful business ability and recognition of opportunity have led him to reach out into other directions. He became one of the first stockholders and assisted in the organization of the Mechanicsville Telephone Company and for fifteen years he has owned and operated a steam thresher.

On the 5th of September, 1884, Mr. Gleason was married to Miss Fannie Ellen Guthrie, who was born and reared in Pioneer township and is a daughter of Smith Guthrie, who came from Pennsylvania, casting in his lot with the early settlers of Cedar county. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Gleason has been blessed with two sons and a daughter: Guy S., a resident farmer of Pioneer township, who is married and has two sons, Oscar F. and Guy S.; Harry G., who is married and carries on farming in Pioneer township; and Lillie Belle, now a student in Cornell College, Iowa.

The family are widely and favorably known, the members of the household occupying an enviable position in the social circles in which they move. The name of Gleason has long been an honored one in Cedar county, having been found upon the county records through more than seven decades. The work instituted by the father has been carried on by the son, who has long occupied an enviable and creditable position among the practical farmers and stock-raisers of Pioneer township. The extent and importance of his live-stock interests have made him known far beyond the borders of the county, and his labors have been an element in advancing the grade of stock raised. In all of his business transactions he has never been known to take advantage of the necessities of his fellowmen and has pursued a policy which has never sought nor required disguise.

PETER McNEE.

The period of Peter McNee's residence in Cedar county covers sixty-seven years—a period marked by many changes and by remarkable transformation. The settlers of that early day did not dream of what would come to this section within the next half a century, and there were even many who believed that the state would never become settled in its more remote districts, nor could they imagine that the railroad would penetrate into every nook and corner, connecting each little farming community with the great markets of the world. Indian tribes roamed at will in the central and western portion, wild game was to be had in abundance, and only here and there was to be found a little cabin showing that the progressive white race was beginning to understand and appreciate the value of the natural resources here offered. It was in this region where all

the conditions of pioneer life existed that Peter McNee spent his youthful days, sharing in the hardships and privations which made possible the present development of the country. His birthplace was one of the little cabins of the early day, situated in Linn township upon a farm which his father had secured some years before. He was there born August 9, 1843, and is of Scotch lineage.

Duncan McNee, his father, was born in Scotland in 1804 and was brought to the new world by his parents, who with others crossed the Atlantic in the early part of the nineteenth century and settled in Upper Canada, near Perth, where Duncan McNee was reared to adult age. In that locality he married Catherine McIntire, also a native of Scotland. They took up their abode upon a farm in that locality and while there residing two children were born unto them. But the growth of Canada was slow and its future uncertain. The States were becoming more thickly settled and though competition was greater advancement was more quickly secured. It was this fact that led Duncan McNee to cross the border in 1839 and cast in his lot with the pioneer residents of Cedar county, although at that time Iowa still remained a part of Wisconsin territory. The greater part of the land was owned by the government and Duncan McNee secured a claim in what is now Linn township. The surface of the earth was bound into a solid mass by the roots of prairie grasses that had grown there perhaps for centuries. It was a difficult task, therefore, to break the sod and render the soil rich and mellow. But plow and harrow did their work and by slow degrees the wild tract was transformed into cultivable fields. The boundaries of his farm originally inclosed one hundred and sixty acres but later he added to this until his place comprised two hundred and twenty acres. Upon this farm he reared his family and made his home until his life's labors were ended in death in 1887, when he was eighty-two years of age. His wife survived him for about fifteen years, passing away in 1902 at the advanced age of ninety-one years. Of their family of three sons and two daughters all lived to reach manhood or womanhood. The eldest, Finley McNee, went to Pike's Peak and is supposed to have passed away, as nothing has been heard from him in years. Marjory died after reaching womanhood. John is living in California. Peter is the next of the family. Margaret lives upon the old homestead.

Peter McNee can relate many interesting incidents concerning pioneer life in Cedar county. The work of civilization had not been carried far when as a boy he became identified with the growth and development being carried on here. As opportunity offered he attended the common schools but most of his attention was given to the work of the fields. The desire to have a home of his own led to his marriage in Linn township on the 21st of March, 1875, to Miss Lavina Rate, who was born in Johnson county, this state, and is a daughter of William Rate, a native of England and one of the pioneer settlers of Johnson county, whence he afterward removed to Cedar county. Prior to his marriage he had purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 35, Pioneer township, and to this farm he brought his bride. With added impetus for renewed effort he took up the task of developing the fields and improving the place, and year after year saw something worth while accomplished. In time he erected a two-story residence and added to the buildings upon the farm two good barns, a work

house, cribs and machine house. He also adopted woven wire fence to enclose his fields and added to the productiveness of his land by tiling. As the years passed he prospered and later purchased another tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Pioneer township, which he rents. Again he made purchase of land and is today the owner of four hundred and eighty acres. He operates the home place and leases the remainder, deriving therefrom a substantial annual income. He raises and feeds cattle and hogs, selling the cattle off the pasture and shipping annually two carloads of hogs. He was also one of the promoters and stockholders of the Mechanicsville Telephone Company and is interested in all lines of progress that contribute to the material upbuilding of the community.

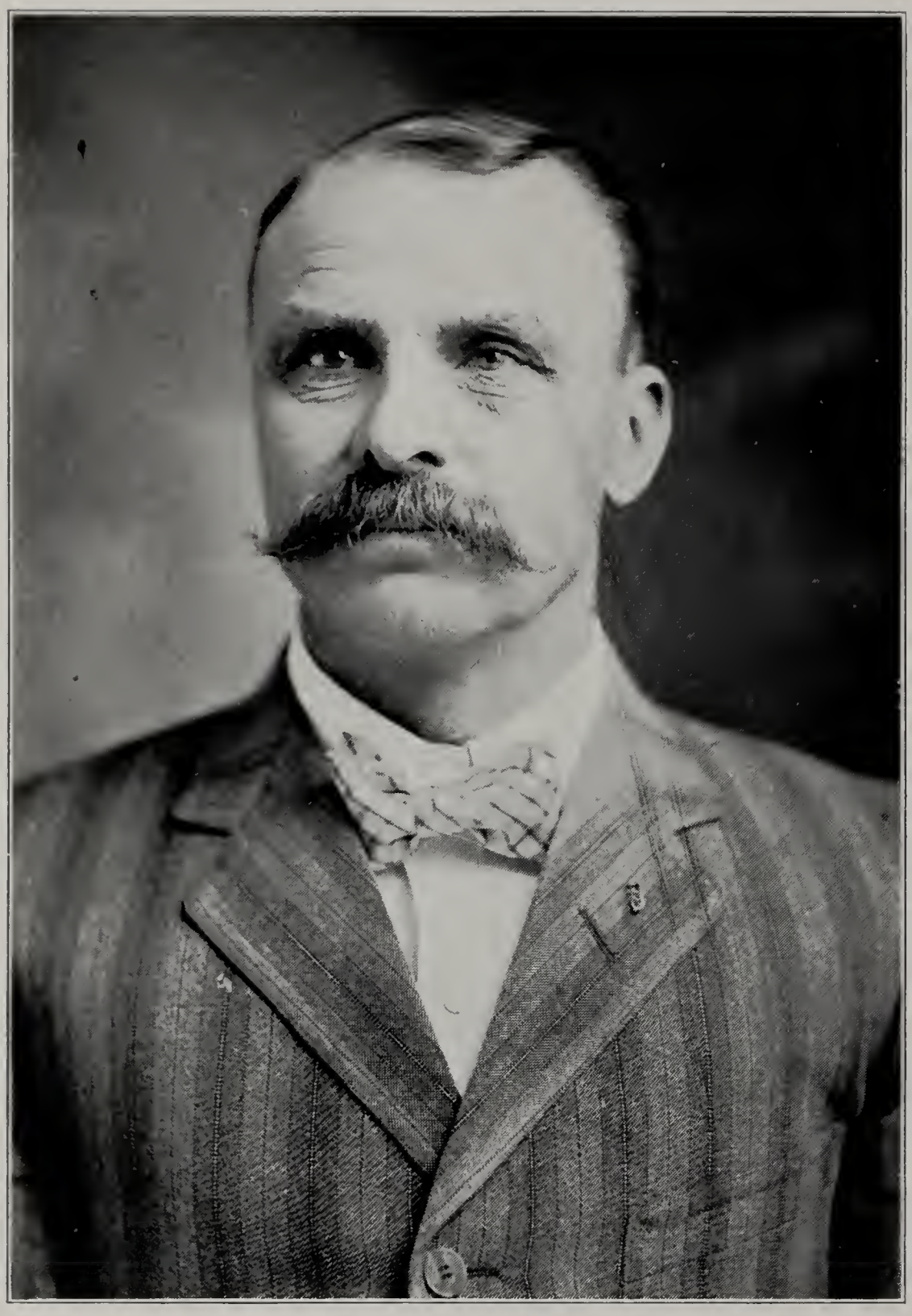
Unto Mr. and Mrs. McNee have been born five children: Maggie, at home; Ida, the wife of Lewis Crawford, a resident farmer of Linn township; Grover and Harry D., who assist in carrying on the home farm; and Rudolph, who completes the family.

Mr. McNee has frequently served as a delegate to the county conventions of the democratic party, which he has supported throughout his entire life. There are no chapters in his life history that will not bear investigation and scrutiny. He has been honorable in business, fair and just in his treatment of his fellowmen, faithful in friendship and devoted to the welfare of his family, and as the years have gone by he has reached a most enviable position in the regard of his fellowmen.

JOHN P. WALTERS.

Among the residents of Tipton whose success in former years, won through independent effort in agricultural lines, now enables them to live retired, is numbered John P. Walters. He was born in California on the 9th of November, 1854, during the residence of his parents, Henry and Mary (Thompson) Walters, in that state. The father was born in Clinton county, Pennsylvania, October 9, 1821, and on attaining his majority secured employment on a canal boat, making the run between Lockhaven and Philadelphia. On leaving Pennsylvania he became a resident of Carroll county, Ohio, where he resided for three years, and in the spring of 1846 arrived in Cedar county, Iowa. He was married January 27, 1848, to Mary Thompson, and in 1852 crossed the plains to California in company with many others, making the trip with an ox-team. Not meeting with the success that he anticipated in that state, he returned to Cedar county in 1856 and was thereafter continuously engaged in farming until his industry supplied him with a handsome competence that enabled him to spend his last years in retirement. He was a worthy citizen, highly esteemed by all who knew him, and his death, which occurred January 26, 1894, when he was seventy-three years of age, was the occasion of deep regret. His wife, a most estimable Mrs. Robert Gaige, Mrs. J. W. Argo, Mrs. James Fegley, Mrs. Frank Gay, Robert, John, George, Turner and Harry.

John P. Walters was only two years of age when his parents returned from California, the family home being established in Fairfield township, where they



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lived for one year while the father built a home on his farm two and one-half miles east of Tipton. Upon that property which was long the old family homestead, John P. Walters remained until thirty years of age. He was married in 1884, at which time he purchased a part of his father's farm, and added to it a tract of one hundred and twenty acres. He is now the owner of two hundred and forty acres of valuable and productive land on section 34, Fairfield township. He has brought the place under a high state of cultivation and has added many modern improvements. There he continuously and successfully carried on general farming until February, 1908, when he came to Tipton, and took up his abode in the Cobb residence, which he had previously purchased. This is a large, fine home, attractive in its furnishings and most hospitable.

On the 25th of December, 1884, Mr. Walters was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Smith, who was born in Muscatine county, Iowa, April 1, 1858, and is a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Drake) Smith, who were early settlers of this state. They came to Iowa from Ohio and after living for a time in Cedar county, removed to Muscatine county, where their remaining days were passed. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Walters were born three children: Wilma, Henry and Leonard. The sons are yet at home and the daughter is now the wife of William Werling, who resides upon her father's farm. They have one child, Donald.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Walters is an Odd Fellow and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. His life has been quietly and uneventfully passed, but the salient qualities of his career have won him the regard and good will of all with whom he has come in contact. He has resided continuously in this county for more than half a century, bearing at all times his part in the work of general progress and improvement and giving his influence and aid in support of important public measures.

J. E. LARSON.

J. E. Larson, a member of the real-estate firm of Crew & Larson, of West Branch, in which connection he negotiates many important real-estate transfers as well as makes many loans, was born in Springdale township, this county, in 1881. He represents one of the old families of the county, being a son of M. and Sarah (Staples) Larson. The mother is now deceased, but the father resides near the corporation limits of West Branch, where he is engaged in the raising of vegetables. In their family were three children: Emma, the wife of H. L. Coppock, of Springville; J. E., of this review; and Eliza, the wife of T. A. Moore, of Plato, Iowa.

J. E. Larson was reared upon the home farm to the age of thirteen years, when he began earning his own livelihood. He was for ten years employed as a clerk in West Branch, spending seven years of that period in a drug store, during which time he also pursued a course in pharmacy at the State University at Iowa City. Two years ago he entered the real-estate, loan and insurance business and a year later admitted J. C. Crew, who owns a large farm near the town,

to a partnership in the business. They now have an extensive clientage and occupy offices over the Citizens' Savings Bank. Mr. Larson is thoroughly conversant with the real-estate situation, knows all the property that is upon the market and is thus enabled to assist his patrons in making advantageous purchases and sales.

In 1903 Mr. Larson was united in marriage to Miss C. Rose Pettis, a native of Johnson county and a daughter of Andrew and Delia (Lincoln) Pettis. Her father is now deceased, but her mother resides in Iowa City, Iowa. Mr. Larson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is serving as its treasurer. Although yet a young man he has made a creditable position in the business world and his ability augurs well for further success in the future.

FREDERICK R. WOODHOUSE.

Frederick R. Woodhouse, who has won a gratifying measure of success in his operations as a farmer and stock-raiser, is the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of rich and productive land in Farmington township. His birth occurred in Muscatine county, Iowa, on the 15th of August, 1859, his parents being John and Lydia (Rand) Woodhouse, who were born, reared and married in New Hampshire. The father, whose natal day was November 23, 1830, took up his abode among the pioneer settlers of Iowa in the late '50s, cultivating rented land in Muscatine county for a few years. In the early '60s he came to Cedar county and after operating a rented farm for a short time bought land of his own, later adding to his holdings by additional purchase from time to time until he had accumulated eight hundred acres in this county. He was widely recognized as a man of excellent business ability, sound judgment and keen discrimination and gained the regard and friendship of all with whom he came in contact. When he passed away in March, 1907, the community mourned the loss of one of its most prosperous and respected citizens. He was twice married and had seven children by his first wife, six of whom are yet living, as follows: Fannie I.; Frederick R., of this review; George H.; May W.; Lulu B.; and Guy E. Harry is deceased. For his second wife John Woodhouse chose Miss Malissa A. Patterson, by whom he had one child, Rush L.

Frederick R. Woodhouse obtained his early education in the district schools of this county, afterward pursued his studies at Carthage, Illinois, for nine months and later spent two years in the academy at Wilton, Iowa. After putting aside his text-books he assisted his father in the work of the fields, thus gaining practical knowledge of the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. On starting out as an agriculturist on his own account he rented eighty acres of land and afterward operated a quarter section as a renter. Prospering in his undertakings, he was eventually enabled to buy land of his own, coming into possession of his present place of two hundred and eighty acres in Farmington township. He has brought the farm under a high state of cultivation and improvement and also erected a fine new residence. He an-

nually harvests good crops and likewise derives a gratifying income from his stock-raising interests.

On the 4th of April, 1882, Mr. Woodhouse was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Harris, a daughter of J. B. and Anna M. (Dorwart) Harris, who came to Iowa from the state of Ohio. The mother passed away in March, 1904, but the father still survives and makes his home at Wilton, Iowa. Unto our subject and his wife have been born three children. George Raymond, whose birth occurred on the 9th of March, 1883, is a practicing physician of New Liberty, Iowa. He wedded Miss Cora Healy and they have one child, Keith Wallace, whose natal day was October 7, 1909. Harry Lloyd, who was born April 24, 1886, resides on a portion of his father's farm. His wife bore the maiden name of Stella Fayette Nauman. Earl Harris, whose birth occurred December 20, 1895, is still under the parental roof.

In politics Mr. Woodhouse is a stanch republican but the honors and emoluments of office have never had any attraction for him. He and his family attend the Baptist church. Mr. Woodhouse has remained a resident of this part of the state from his birth to the present time and that his life has ever been upright and honorable is indicated by the fact that the associates of his boyhood and youth are still numbered among his stanch friends and admirers.

HENRY AHRENS.

The population of Iowa is largely made up of those who either had their birth in or trace their ancestry back to Germany, and among those whom the fatherland has contributed to the citizenship of this great commonwealth is numbered Henry Ahrens. He was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on the 16th of March, 1861, and is a son of Claus Ahrens, who was also a native of that country and came to America in 1881. He located in Muscatine county, Iowa, and was there engaged in the bee industry until the time of his death, which occurred on the 1st of June, 1891. He had been a soldier in the German army and while participating in the battle of Etsted lost one of his legs. Ere leaving Germany he had been married to Miss Sophia Laschancky, who was born in that country and passed away in the Iowa home, June 5, 1894.

Spending the period of his boyhood and youth in his native country, Henry Ahrens did not wait for his parents to come to the new world, but in 1877, as a boy of sixteen years, made the long voyage across the Atlantic, determined to seek his fortune in this country, where he had heard opportunity was great and fortune favored those who were ambitious and industrious. Upon arriving in the United States he came directly to Iowa and for two years was engaged as a farm hand in Muscatine county. Later he was employed in a similar capacity for three years in Scott county, and for three years in Nebraska, and then, with the capital which he had carefully saved from his earnings in the meantime he purchased eighty acres in the latter state, which he operated for two years. Returning to Iowa he rented a farm of one hundred acres in Cedar county for a time, after which the place became his by purchase,

and later he added another tract of eighty acres which he bought from the Wright estate on the 5th of January, 1908. He is now the owner of one hundred and eighty acres, all lying in Inland township, and here he carries on general farming and at the same time devotes considerable attention to stock-raising. Both branches of his business are proving most profitable, for he has carried on his affairs along the most progressive and modern lines, has been systematic in his methods and careful in his management, and success has come as the logical result of close application and indefatigable industry and goes to prove how essential are those elements in the life of the successful farmer.

When seeking for a companion on life's journey Mr. Ahrens chose Miss Amelia Ehrecke, who was born in Muscatine county, June 15, 1863, a daughter of Gottlieb J. and Johanna (Smeltzer) Ehrecke, natives of Germany, who came to America in the early '50s. Both are now deceased, the father passing away on the 16th of January, 1898, and the mother on the 7th of December, 1900. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Ahrens are three sons and two daughters, all yet at home, as follows: Emma, born on the 19th of August, 1889; Herman, on the 19th of September, 1890; Arnold, on the 10th of February, 1893; Rudolf, on the 16th of June, 1896; and Elsie, on the 25th of August, 1899.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, Mr. Ahrens has given stalwart support to the democratic party and is now serving as school director, the cause of education finding in him a stanch advocate. He and his wife hold membership in the German Lutheran church and are well known and esteemed throughout the community in which they reside for their many excellent traits of character. In his life Mr. Ahrens has happily combined those sturdy qualities characteristic of the Teutonic race with the livelier element of progress which dominates the American people—a combination which is proving a potent force in the attainment of success in business lines.

M. Y. BEALER.

One of the most active and enterprising business men of Cedar Valley is M. Y. Bealer, superintendent of the Cedar Valley Stone Quarry, an extensive and most important industrial enterprise, constituting a factor in the prosperity and business activity of the community as well as a source of individual profit to the owner. Prompt, energetic and notably reliable, Mr. Bealer has established himself in a high position in public regard both as a business man and citizen.

He was born in North Liberty, Johnson county, Iowa, in 1874, a son of E. J. C. and Molly C. (Stephens) Bealer. The former was born in Switzerland in 1841, and when two years of age was brought to the United States by his parents, Elmer J. and Mary A. Bealer, who settled in Ohio, but in 1854 came to Iowa, establishing their home in Johnson county, where Mrs. Bealer passed away. He moved to Nebraska and died in that state. Reared under the parental roof, E. J. C. Bealer eventually became a bridge contractor and continued in that line of business until he turned his atention to quarrying in 1884. While

contracting he had quarried stone at the Iowa state quarry in Johnson county. He now owns a large quarry, maintaining his office and residence at Cedar Rapids. His interests in Cedar county are among the most extensive and important of this character in eastern Iowa. At the time of the Civil war E. J. C. Bealer responded to the country's call for troops and served for two years and three months as a member of Company A, Twenty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, enlisting from Iowa City. After the war he located at North Liberty and was married in 1867. He then followed contracting until 1884, when, as previously stated, he removed to Cedar Rapids, from which point he has managed his quarrying interests. At the same time he has extended his efforts into other fields which have profited by his cooperation and keen business discernment. He is now the president of the Cedar Rapids Construction Company and of the Cedar Rapids Canning Company, is interested in various banking enterprises and in the Montrose Hotel, the foundation for which he built. In all things he displays an aptitude for successful management and has won for himself a prominent place in business circles. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is a recognized leader in its ranks. For three terms he represented Linn county in the state legislature and left the impress of his individuality upon the work enacted during those sessions. He takes a broad and comprehensive view of political questions and keeps thoroughly informed concerning all the vital issues of the day. Mrs. Bealer arrived in Iowa in 1855. She had been previously married and had lost her husband. There was one child of that union, L. L. Erb, now a resident of Brookings, South Dakota. By her second marriage she had three children: Mrs. Orpha D. M. Grimm, of Cedar Rapids; M. Y., of this review; and J. G., who is also living in Cedar Rapids.

M. Y. Bealer spent the first ten years of his life upon the home farm in Johnson county, where he was born, and then went with his parents to Cedar Rapids, where he remained until 1894, save that he had previously served for a brief period as an assayer in Arizona. In the latter year he took charge of his father's quarrying interests at Cedar Valley and has since remained in charge of the active operation. He displays the qualities of a strong and successful business man who recognizes and utilizes his opportunities, who keeps in touch with the trade and knows when, where and how to put forth his efforts to produce the best results. Aside from his quarrying interests Mr. Bealer is the owner of a quarter section of land in Cass township, which he rents. His father is sole owner of the quarry, in which connection he has six hundred acres of land. The quarry was first opened in 1884 and has now been operated continuously for twenty-six years with an output of one hundred thousand carloads of stone during that time. The output includes limestone, sandstone and magnesia stone, which is used for heavy bridge masonry, building and road purposes. When working to their full capacity one hundred and twenty-five men are employed. Twelve steam derricks are utilized in the conduct of the business with a crushing plant of two hundred yards capacity. The stone is taken exclusively out of a pit to a depth of ninety feet below the surface of the Cedar river. In addition to the buildings and machinery which constitute the main plant there is a large machine shop and hotel upon the grounds. At one time there was also a

lime kiln that had a capacity of four carloads per day, but owing to the use of cement this has been abandoned. In 1884, when the business was established, there was not even a wagon road here. The district was an unbroken wilderness to which only a cattle path led. But through the efforts of Mr. Bealer the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad built a branch line of four miles to the quarry, the railroad company owning the rolling stock, while E. J. C. Bealer still owns the right of way. In the upbuilding of the village which necessarily had to be established to accommodate the workmen and their families, Mr. Bealer has moved thirty-six buildings to this place for dwelling purposes, also ten barns and a ware house. A large bridge has been built across the river and much has been done not only to facilitate the interests of the business but also to promote the welfare and comfort of the workmen here employed. The plant altogether has a splendid equipment not only for quarrying stone but also for handling it and placing it upon the market, and the business today is the most important and extensive in Cedar county outside of agricultural lines. All of the land owned in connection with the quarry is used for grazing purposes except about twenty acres.

In 1897 was celebrated the marriage of M. Y. Bealer and Miss M. A. Emrich, who was born in Cass township in 1874 and is a daughter of Henry Emrich. Their home has been blessed with three children: Errol M., Lois A. and Irving M. Mr. and Mrs. Bealer have a wide acquaintance in Cedar county and an extensive circle of friends. While entering upon a business already established, many a man of less resolute spirit would have failed in enlarging its scope and controlling its interests. With an aptitude for successful management, he has closely watched all of the details of the business and every indication pointing toward success. Systematic and methodical, he has learned the secret of prosperity—the attainment of maximum results with minimum effort, and at all times has coordinated forces so as to produce a harmonious whole.

CALEB H. WICKERSHAM.

All of the Wickershams in America trace their lineage to a common ancestry and Caleb H. Wickersham has in his possession abstracts of wills dating back more than three hundred years. The family had its origin in England and was founded in America by Thomas and Alice (Hoag) Wickersham, who were married according to the rites of the Society of Friends at Horsham, Sussex county, England, in 1684. With their three children they came to America in 1700, settling in Chester county, Pennsylvania, where many representatives of the name still live.

Joseph and Rachel E. Wickersham, parents of our subject, removed from Chester county to Ohio, and for a number of years lived in the latter state. The mother bore the maiden name of Rachel Edwards Brogan and her ancestors were among the first settlers of New Amsterdam, now New York city. Aveardus Bogardus was the first Dutch Lutheran minister of that settlement and was one of the ancestors of the family to which Mrs. Wickersham belonged. Both the

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father and mother of our subject were born and educated in Chester county, Pennsylvania, but were married in Columbiana county, Ohio, June 16, 1842, and in 1865 came to Iowa. The father died at Springdale, March 23, 1871, and his wife passed away at Rock Island, Illinois, April 14, 1900. Their family numbered six children. Reuben, who enlisted from Salem, Ohio, in 1861, in the Sixty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and afterward joined the same company and regiment as his brother Caleb, died during the service. Martin Plummer, who enlisted from Salem, Ohio, in the One Hundred and Forty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was on duty with the Army of the Potomac. The others are: Caleb H., of this review; Enoch F.; Rachel, who became the wife of Albert Wilson, of Rock Island, Illinois, and died in March, 1900; Joseph Sellers, living in Los Angeles, California, who has devoted his entire life to railroading.

Caleb H. Wickersham was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, July 12, 1846, and was reared and educated in Salem, but at the age of sixteen years responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in September, 1862, as a private of Company B, Twelfth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, from which he was honorably discharged on account of disability July 8, 1864. Following his return home he came with his parents to Cedar county, Iowa, on the 4th of April, 1865, and after spending one year in Tipton removed to Springdale township, within the borders of which he has since made his home. He followed the painter's trade until 1878, when he established a newspaper called The Local Record, now the Times. He published this paper at West Branch until 1881, after which he resumed work at his trade, to which he largely gave his attention until 1897, when he was appointed postmaster. He still contributes to a considerable extent to newspapers, having been correspondent with different publications throughout the greater part of his life. His preference is for literary work and in that he displayed considerable ability. However, at the present writing he is giving his attention to the duties of postmaster, which position he has filled for thirteen years. In November, 1907, he completed the present postoffice building, which he leases to the government for ten-year periods. The building is practically fireproof and is a handsome pressed brick structure. This was the first postoffice in the congressional district to get rural free delivery and the first in the state to be assigned more than one rural carrier.

Mr. Wickersham has also served as town clerk. In politics he has ever been a stalwart republican and in religious faith is a Presbyterian, his family also belonging to the same church. Mr. Wickersham's military experience qualified him for membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, and he is also connected with the Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges.

On the 14th of May, 1868, Mr. Wickersham was united in marriage to Miss Phoebe Beeson, who was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, May 15, 1847, but was only three years old, when, in 1850, she accompanied her parents, Richard and Rebecca (Hale) Beeson, on their removal to Springdale township, Cedar county, Iowa, making the trip in a covered wagon. The father entered a tract of government land in Springdale township, where both he and his wife died. He was a successful farmer and owned three hundred and twenty acres of land. He traced his ancestry back to Henry Beeson, who emigrated from Liverpool, England, in company with William Penn in 1682, and was one of the founders of

Uniontown, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Wickersham was an invalid for several years and passed away on the 28th of August, 1910. She was an earnest Christian woman, holding membership in the Presbyterian church, and was one of Cedar county's honored pioneers.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wickersham were born eight children: Gertrude, who died in her sixteenth year; Beatrice, the wife of F. B. John, of Davenport; Raymond, of Estherville, Iowa, who is a scenic artist; Ethel, the wife of Raymond Aldeman, a farmer living near West Branch; Bertha J., the wife of Frank Bell, who resides upon a farm in Keokuk county; Stella, the widow of Orison O. Randall, now living with Mr. Wickersham; 'Alta G., who died in her eighteenth year; and Richard Archie, at home.

Mr. Wickersham, in association with Dr. J. I. Bailey, engineered what is said to be the first country telephone line in Iowa, extending from West Branch to Tipton by way of Rochester. He has ever favored progressive public measures and those projects which have for their object the welfare and improvement of the community. He made for himself a creditable name in journalistic circles and is equally well known and esteemed through his connection with official service, his long continuance in office being plainly indicative of the faithful and able character of his service.

JOSEPH W. CREES.

Joseph W. Crees, who is numbered among the old and honored pioneers of Cedar county, has the distinction of being the only surviving one of the old settlers residing on the road from Tices bridge to Pedee, a distance of about thirteen miles. As he grew up in this locality he has been an interested witness of much of its growth and development and was closely identified for a number of years with its business and agricultural interests.

One of Ohio's native sons, he was born in Wayne county, May 15, 1839, his parents being John H. and Sarah (McLaughlin) Crees, natives of Pennsylvania. The father was born on the 13th of January, 1806, and the mother on the 21st of May, 1804, and both passed away in Cedar county, the former in April, 1879, and the latter in June, 1870. In their family were six children, of whom the subject of this review was the youngest in order of birth. The others were: Nancy, who makes her home with her brother, Joseph W.; Henry, deceased, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Thomas M., Neely and Joel, who have all passed away.

In early childhood Joseph W. Crees left the state of his nativity and, with his parents, went to Pennsylvania, where a year was spent. The family then came to Iowa in 1845, two or three months being spent at Fort Madison, whence they removed to what was known as the "new purchase" and was the last purchase of land made from the Indians. After a year at that place the family went to Salem, Henry county, and in the winter of 1848-9 came to Cedar county, the family home being established at Pedee, Iowa township. Joseph W. Crees was a lad of ten years when he came with his parents to this county and within its

borders he has since continued to live, covering a period of more than six decades. He was reared to farm life but later took up veterinary surgery and for twenty-five years after his marriage was engaged in that pursuit. Subsequently, however, he turned his attention to farming and became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land located on section 27, Iowa township. There for a number of years he carried on farming and stock-raising, and his efforts in that direction were so well directed and his interests so carefully managed that as the years passed his labor was rewarded with a substantial degree of prosperity which made it possible for him to lay aside active work and leave the actual management of his affairs to others. He rents the farm to his sons and now, in the evening of life, is enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of former toil.

It was in 1872 that Mr. Crees was united in marriage to Miss Jane Linn, who was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, April 20, 1849, and in 1855 came to Cedar county with her parents, Moses and Hannah (Darner) Linn, both of whom passed away in this county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Crees were born nine children, as follows: James L., of Oklahoma; Clyde H., also residing in that state; Verrena, the wife of Fred Schafnit, of Atalissa; Edgar M., of Iowa township; Estelle, who wedded Charles Adams, of Rochester township; Frank, at home; Alice J. and Luella, also at home; and Florence, who passed away at the age of three years.

Outside of the demands made upon his attention by his business interests, Mr. Crees has yet found time and inclination for other interests in life and is an exemplary member of the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Ionic Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Atalissa. He was also a member of the Presbyterian church at Pedee until it went out of existence, and the teachings of that denomination have ever been the guiding influences in his life. In politics he gives stanch allegiance to the democratic party and has served his township as trustee and in other official capacities. Although he has passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, he yet retains a deep interest in all vital questions relative to local and national affairs and ranks among the honorable and valued citizens of Cedar county. As one of the oldest surviving settlers of the locality in which he resides, he is recognized as authority upon many subjects concerning the history of this section, his memory forming a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present.

JACOB SCHORR.

Jacob Schorr, a prosperous farmer of Farmington township, Cedar county, has made his home in the region where he now lives since 1867, and here he has attained a success which is the result of well directed effort in any honest industry. He was born in Madison county, Illinois, October 20, 1850, and is a son of William and Maggie (Ruprecht) Schorr, who were both born in Germany and were there married. The father belonged to a hard-working family and as soon as he left the public schools he was apprenticed to the butcher's trade, in which he became quite expert.

In order to improve their condition Mr. and Mrs. William Schorr came to this country and settled in Madison county, Illinois, where he followed his trade for five years. Having by this time acquired sufficient capital for investment, Mr. Schorr abandoned his trade and began farming. He purchased eighty-five acres of land, which he proceeded assiduously to cultivate, and his labor was rewarded to such an extent that in 1867 he came to Farmington township, this county, where he bought a tract of three hundred and twenty acres in Farmington township and sixty-five acres elsewhere in this county, and brought the whole farm under a high degree of cultivation, greatly increasing its value. Mr. Schorr was called to his reward April 9, 1885, and his worthy wife followed him upon the long journey, August 30, 1905. They were both members of the Lutheran church and were highly respected by their neighbors and friends.

Jacob Schorr was educated in the public schools of Madison county, Illinois. He came to Iowa with his parents and has since devoted his attention to farming, having acquired one hundred and sixty acres which was originally owned by his father. He has engaged successfully in general farming operations and the neat and orderly appearance of the buildings and everything about the farm indicates that he takes great interest in the work to which he has devoted the best energies of his life.

In 1881 Mr. Schorr was united in marriage to Miss Anna Reimers, a daughter of John and Anna (Kruse) Reimers. Eight children now living are the result of the union: Maggie, now Mrs. Albert Shallenberger, of Scott county, Iowa; John; Annie, now Mrs. Herman Paustian, of Cedar county, Iowa; William, who resides in Madison county, Illinois; and Arthur, Minnie, Elsie and Viola, all of whom are living at home. A promising son, Henry, died at the age of four years.

Mr. Schorr is identified with the republican party, whose candidates he heartily supports, and also is a member of the Lutheran church. As the head of a large family he has many responsibilities not known to those who are not so situated, but he always discharges his duties as they present themselves and thus has developed a sturdy character which is of more worth than great earthly possessions. In the various relations of life he has always been true to every trust reposed in him and as the result he enjoys the confidence and esteem of those with whom he is associated.

W. C. DODDS, M. D.

Dr. W. C. Dodds, honored and respected by all, was numbered among the pioneer physicians of this section of the state, beginning practice in Cedar Bluff in 1854. The weight of years finally caused him to put aside professional cares, but as the loved family physician the memory of his work is yet cherished in many a household.

Dr. Dodds was born in Maryland, April 25, 1822, a son of Andrew and Sarah Dodds. His education was acquired in Amesville, Ohio, his parents having removed with the family to that state. It required pluck and perseverance

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for a poor boy in that early day to fit himself for the medical profession, but Dr. Dodds determined to engage in the practice of medicine as his life work and for four years studied with Dr. Fulton, one of the best physicians and surgeons of that day, as his preceptor. He began practice in Rome, now Fostoria, Ohio, in 1850, and there remained for two years, returning in 1852 to Amesville, where for one year he engaged in practice in partnership with Dr. Fulton.

In 1854 Dr. Dodds was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ann Phillips, a daughter of Captain Ezra Phillips, of Athens county, Ohio, and shortly afterward came to Iowa in search of a business location and home. He then settled in Cedar Bluff, where he met the usual experiences of a doctor in a new country, with all the drawbacks attendant upon professional service in pioneer days. Such a practice meant long rides over a sparsely settled district, through the hot summer sun and the winter's cold, but he never refused to respond to a call where his services were needed, even at the sacrifice of his own personal comfort and interest, and thus in a comparatively short time was enjoying a paying practice. He continued as an active and capable follower of his profession for nearly forty years, when his health failed, obliging him to abandon professional duties. In the meantime he had wisely made investment in land and owned at one time nearly four hundred acres in Cedar county, while at the time of his death he was the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and forty acres adjoining Cedar Bluff, together with some town property.

Unto Dr. and Mrs. Dodds there were born seven children, of whom one son died in infancy. The others are: Charles A., who married Susan Pfaff; William O., who wedded Margaret Fisher; Harry, who married Alice Moyer; Clara A., the wife of Charles Pfaff; Forrestine, the wife of Charles Laubscher; and Mary E., the wife of Lewis Benda.

These children are all living within a radius of eight miles, of which the old homestead is the center, and within its walls until a short time ago many happy reunions were held, when the children all came home, adding cheerfulness to the latter part of the life journey which Dr. and Mrs. Dodds began together in 1852, but as a lightning bolt and thunder clap from a clear sky in the twinkling of an eye all was changed, for the dear wife and mother was stricken by the relentless hand of death and earth knew her no more. Although seemingly in good health, on the 1st of August, 1904, she was that day called from life, at the age of seventy-three years, three months and twenty-three days. Her demise was mourned by the whole community. To each and all she had been a friend in every sense. Hers was a lovely character and all who knew her revere her memory. One of the local papers said of her: "Mrs. Dodds was an ideal home queen. Her life was wrapped up in her husband, children and grandchildren. Their sorrows were her sorrows, their joys were her joys. All her children and grandchildren are settled in or near Cedar Bluff, Iowa. They are all highly respected and prosperous which more clearly than anything else demonstrates the true life of Mrs. Dodds. Sixteen grandchildren, three brothers, three sisters and a host of friends mourned the loss of an ideal companion, a loving mother, a noble grandmother, an affectionate sister, a true friend and an obliging neighbor. Mrs. Dodds was a friend to all. Her delight

was to plant flowers of love along the pathway of her fellow travelers. To know her was to love her."

After the death of his wife Dr. Dodds made his home with his children, and died at the residence of his son Harry, north of Cedar Bluff, September 15, 1910, at the age of eighty-eight years, four months and ten days. For fifty-six years he was a resident of Cedar county and was closely associated with the life and best interests of the community, while his genuine personal worth ever commended him to the confidence and good will of his neighbors, his patrons and his friends. It has been given to but few to awaken as little enmity and to win as high regard as was uniformly tendered Dr. Dodds.

MRS. MARGARET SHROPE.

Mrs. Margaret Shrope is numbered among the worthy pioneer women of Cedar county and makes her home on section 35, Pioneer township. A native of Pennsylvania, she was born in Schuylkill county in 1836 and there spent her girlhood. Like many of the residents of the Keystone state, she came of German ancestry, her father being Jacob Bickelman, a native of Germany, in which country he was reared and married, the lady of his choice being Miss Eleanora Deal. Ere they left their native land four children were born unto them and another child was added to the family while they were on the Atlantic. They became early residents of Pennsylvania and it was in that state that their daughter Margaret was born and reared. She was trained to the work of the household and was thus well qualified to take charge of a home of her own when, in 1853, she gave her hand in marriage to James Schrope.

He, too, was a native of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, born about 1822. Following his marriage he worked in the coal mines for a year or more and in 1855 came to Iowa, settling in Cedar county. His first investment here made him the owner of forty acres of land at Mason Grove. He built thereon and cultivated and improved the place for about eleven years, when he sold that property and removed to the farm whereon Mrs. Schrope now resides. He first purchased eighty acres of land here, broke the sod and in time planted his crops, which in the autumn yielded good harvests. His labors were of a practical character and in course of time his fields became very productive. He was busily engaged in their cultivation until his life's labors were ended in death in 1870. While in Pennsylvania he was a member of the Odd Fellows Society and both in his native state and his adopted state his good qualities won him many friends.

Following the death of her husband Mrs. Shrope took charge of the home farm and in its management displayed good business discernment and executive ability. Her latent powers were called forth to meet the situation and she proved herself able to cope with it. She not only managed the business but from time to time has made good improvements, erecting the residence which she occupies, also a barn, a shed for the cattle and a work house. She also has purchased ten acres of timber land and in her business affairs has met with gratifying and well merited success. Desiring to keep the farm intact, she paid her

children for their interest in the estate and is now sole owner of an excellent property situated on section 35, Pioneer township.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Shrope were born six children, three sons and three daughters. Henry, who has been blind from his youth, was educated in the blind school at Vinton, Iowa, and resides with his mother. Louisa became the wife of L. B. Albaugh and died, leaving six children. Charles grew to manhood, was married and at his death left a wife and two children. Cordelia became the wife of John McNee, removed to California and died in that state. Amanda became the wife of Alfred Herpst, who died leaving two children, and she now resides on the Shrope place near her mother. James, the youngest of the family, is a farmer of Pioneer township.

Mrs. Shrope attends and contributes to the support of the Presbyterian church of Mechanicsville. The family are well known and are numbered among the early settlers of the county, Mrs. Shrope witnessing much of its growth and progress during fifty-five years in which she has made her home in this locality. She has seen prairie grasses replaced by fields of wheat and corn, little cabins torn down to make way for commodious modern farm residences, has seen improved grades of stock introduced and modern machinery take the place of old agricultural implements. At all times she has kept in touch with the trend of progress, recognizing the fact that therein lies the path to success.

ALFRED C. BAKER.

Alfred C. Baker needs no introduction to the readers of this volume for he is widely known as one of the prosperous farmers of Linn township. His residence in the county covers thirty-five years, during which period he has established himself as a capable agriculturist, the proof of his industry and well directed labor being found in his farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which is a well improved and valuable property.

England claims him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Gloucester on the 17th of April, 1852. He was there reared to the age of nineteen years and during his youth worked with his father at the carpenter's trade. He is largely a self-educated man and acquired his knowledge in a considerable measure since attaining his majority. The favorable reports that reached him concerning America and her opportunities proved a call which he could not withstand and, bidding adieu to friends and native land, he sailed for the new world in 1872, making his way direct to Wisner, Nebraska. There he worked at the carpenter's trade for a brief period but the same year came to Cedar Rapids and entered the employ of a banker, caring for his horses and stock. Later he secured farm work in Linn county and in 1875 came to Cedar county, where he worked by the month for several years, being in the employ of one man for three years. He also engaged in laying tile for a year but was ambitious to engage in business on his own account and at length rented a farm which he cultivated for about five years. During that period he carefully saved his earnings and about 1886 purchased eighty acres of land, constituting the home farm upon

which he now resides. He then began the further development of the property and afterward extended its boundaries by the additional purchase of eighty acres adjoining. He has erected a good two-story residence, and upon the place are two large barns, one thirty-six by fifty-six feet and the other thirty-one by thirty-two feet. There is also a substantial chicken house, hog house and granary, together with corn cribs and machine sheds, and he uses the latest improved agricultural implements in carrying on the farm. He has also raised and fattened stock, feeding about a carload of hogs each year. He has high grade cattle upon his place and owns a registered shorthorn bull. He is a man of resourceful business ability and accomplishes what he undertakes, thus moving steadily forward to the goal of success.

On the 12th of March, 1883, Mr. Baker was married in Cass township, Cedar county, to Miss Amelia Herbst, a native of that township, where her girlhood days were spent in the home of her father, Henry Herbst, one of the pioneer settlers from Germany. Two sons and a daughter have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Baker: Charles A., Lillie and Burdus J.

Mr. Baker holds to the political faith of the democratic party upon questions of national importance but casts an independent local ballot. Since coming to America he has made three trips back to the old world, his first visit being made in 1878, when he remained three months. In 1902 he returned to his native land and in 1908, accompanied by his youngest son, he revisited the scenes of his boyhood and youth. He started out in life empty handed and is a self-made man who has been both the architect and builder of his fortunes. He arrived in Mechanicsville with a capital of five dollars and faced the necessity of at once securing employment that he might have the necessities of life. He possessed laudable ambition, however, joined with industry and perseverance, and it is upon these qualities that honorable success is ever based.

G. B. HUTCHESON.

Having spent his entire life, with the exception of one year, in Iowa township, Cedar county, G. B. Hutcheson is therefore well known to the citizens of that locality, who recognize in him a man of good business ability, and his well directed efforts in former years now make it possible for him to live retired, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil without further recourse to active labor.

Born in Iowa township on the 29th of August, 1853, he is a son of Joseph L. and Sarah Ann (Polk) Hutcheson, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Virginia. They were married in Ohio, after which they came to Cedar county, Iowa, in 1841, the father here entering a tract of eighty acres of land on section 5, Iowa township, upon which he spent his remaining days. He became a successful farmer, devoting his entire life to that occupation, and at the time of his death was the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of rich farming land. He passed away on the 26th of August, 1885, at the age of sixty-seven

years and four months, his death occurring on the farm which he had entered upon arriving in this county. His wife passed away on the 3d of December, 1873, at the age of fifty-three years, eight months and twenty-one days. In their family were eight children, namely: Mary, the deceased wife of Cornelius Swinehart; Margaret, who married G. M. Scott, of West Liberty; Jane, the deceased wife of J. S. LaRue; Rebecca, who married W. H. Maxon and has also passed away; Robert B., who died when but one year old; G. B., of this review; Moses, who passed away when an infant of six months; and Sarah, who married Jacob Kaufman and has also passed away.

No event of special importance came to vary the routine of life for G. B. Hutcheson during the period of his boyhood and youth, which was spent on the old homestead in Iowa township, and his time was passed in the usual manner of country lads of that day, being divided between acquiring an education in the country schools and assisting in the work of the farm. He early became familiar with the tasks that fall to the farm bred lad, and thus, amid the busy environment of country life he laid the foundation for a successful future. Upon attaining man's estate he wisely chose as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared, and with the exception of one year spent in merchandising in Atalissa, Muscatine county, he devoted his entire attention during his active business career to that occupation. In 1883 he removed to his present farm, a well improved tract of two hundred and fifty acres located on sections 5 and 8, Iowa township, which has been brought to its present high state of cultivation through his wise direction and careful management. As the years have passed and he has prospered in his undertaking he has added many improvements to his farm, the place being now equipped with two sets of good buildings, all in excellent repair—the result of his energy and thrift. In the conduct of his farm he introduced all of the modern accessories for facilitating labor, employed the most progressive and up-to-date methods, and that his labors have been crowned with merited success is indicated by the fact that it is now possible for him to live retired, leaving the management of his interests to others, while he enjoys the rest that comes as a result of well directed effort and labor intelligently applied.

It was in September, 1879, that Mr. Hutcheson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Roberts, who was born in Iowa township, Cedar county, on the 22d of September, 1854, a daughter of William Preston and Martha (McManus) Roberts, both natives of Ohio. Her parents, who were married in their native state, came to Iowa in the early '40s, being numbered among the pioneer settlers of this state, and here the mother passed away on the 2d of June, 1902, at the age of seventy-four years, four months and nine days. She had long survived her husband, whose death occurred June 2, 1864, while visiting in Columbus, Ohio, passing away at the comparatively early age of forty-four years, four months and twelve days. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Hutcheson was blessed with five children, as follows: Claudie, the wife of George Linn, of South Dakota; L. C., superintending the operation of his father's farm, who married Edith Kester; May, the wife of Peter Wingert, living in Center township, near Tipton; Charles R., a student at the State Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa; and Everett L., a student at Springdale high school, who still resides at home.

Mr. Hutcheson has given his support to the democratic party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him, as he has preferred that his duty as a citizen should be done in a private manner rather than in public office. His interests, however, are thoroughly identified with those of Cedar county, and at all times he is ready to lend his aid and cooperation to any movement calculated to benefit his section of the county or advance its wonderful development. His life has been one of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of labor, and today he is numbered among the substantial citizens of the county.

JOHN HENEKS.

The home farm of John Heneks lies on sections 3 and 10, Linn township, and comprises two hundred and eighty acres of rich land that is well improved and indicates the careful supervision of the owner, whose methods are at once practical and progressive. The leading features of the place—the cultivation of grain and the raising of stock—are both carefully carried on.

Mr. Heneks is a native of Linn township, born March 27, 1859. His father, David Heneks, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1838 and was there reared and educated. In early manhood he learned the millwright's trade, which he followed for some time. Before leaving Pennsylvania he was married to Miss Mary Keiser, also a native of Philadelphia. Removing westward to Iowa, they settled in Cedar county about 1856, and for three years resided upon a farm in Linn township. Later David Heneks removed with his family to Jackson county, Kansas, driving across the country with an ox-team. Taking up his abode there he made his home in that locality throughout his remaining days. For a time he followed farming but later sold his land and turned his attention to the operation of a flourmill. His death occurred April 19, 1909, while his wife passed away July 4, 1906.

John Heneks, when his father and mother went to Kansas, remained in Iowa with his grandparents. He was then a lad of three years and was reared upon a farm here. He attended the district schools but is largely self-educated, experience, observation and reading having made him a well informed man. On the 31st of August, 1882, he was united in marriage in Linn township to Miss Melissa Andre, a native of this county and a daughter of Andrew Andre and a sister of A. P. Andre, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Mr. and Mrs. Heneks began their domestic life on a farm which he rented and after five years he purchased eighty acres of land, giving his attention to its cultivation and improvement. From time to time he added to his property as his financial holdings increased and now has almost three hundred acres. There are good buildings upon the place and everything is kept in repair. The fields are fenced with woven wire and all the latest improvements and accessories of a model farm are here to be found. He has a gasoline engine for grinding feed and an elevator to unload and lift the corn to the cribs, and he has built a hog house with cement floor. There are fine driveways upon the place and he has set out

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both a grove and orchard, which constitute attractive features of the farm. The well improved property of today is an indication of his well spent life, his untiring industry and his progressive ideas. In connection with the cultivation of the fields he raises and feeds considerable stock, making a specialty of Duroc Jersey hogs, of which he fattens and ships about two carloads each year. He has a fine registered shorthorn male and is engaged in the breeding of shorthorn cattle, having now an excellent herd upon his place.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Heneks have been born three sons and two daughters: Eldora, the wife of Harvey Ellison, a resident farmer of Linn county; Alva Ada, who is engaged in teaching; Floyd Parker, who assists in carrying on the home farm; John Ivan, who is also upon a farm; and Willard, who is attending school.

Politically Mr. Heneks is a republican and has served as township trustee and justice of the peace. He has also been a member of the school board for years and for a long period served as president of the board. He has been called to serve on the petit and grand juries and has frequently been a delegate to the county conventions. In the discharge of his duties he has ever displayed unfaltering loyalty to the best interests of the community. He and his wife are members of the Reformed church and their good qualities of heart and mind have endeared them to many friends. Mr. Heneks has spent his entire life in this county, devloping one of the best farms in Linn township, and in other ways he has aided materially in improving and upbuilding this section of the state, being well known as a public-spirited citizen of tried integrity and worth.

TIMM PAUSTIAN.

An enterprising and prosperous representative of agricultural interests in Farmington township is Timm Paustian, the owner of a rich and productive tract of land comprising one hundred and eighty acres. His birth occurred in Scott county, Iowa, on the 15th of October, 1858, his parents being Joachim and Katherine (Steffen) Paustian, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father was born on the 22d of July, 1826, while the mother's natal day was August 4, 1828. After emigrating to the new world Joachim Paustian took up his abode in Scott county, Iowa, where he worked as a farm hand for about five years. On the expiration of that period he rented a farm of eighty acres in Scott county and later rented a quarter section of land. Subsequently he purchased a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in that county, there carrying on general agricultural pursuits until called to his final rest on the 22d of November, 1888. His wife likewise passed away in Scott county, her demise occurring on the 18th of December, 1893.

Timm Paustian, who was the third in order of birth in a family of seven children, obtained his education in the district schools of Scott county and assisted his father in the operation of the home farm until he had attained his majority. After leaving the parental roof he worked as a farm hand for about five years and at the end of that time rented one hundred and sixty acres of land in Muscatine county. Subsequently he purchased a farm of one hundred and

eighty acres in Farmington township, Cedar county, the further cultivation and improvement of which has claimed his time and energies continuously since. In addition to this property he owns two and a half lots in Durant and also has a house and barn in that town. His home farm is well improved in every particular, the buildings thereon including a fine residence, a good barn and other necessary structures for the shelter of grain and stock. The soil, which is naturally rich and productive, yields abundant annual harvests, while his stock-raising interests also prove a source of gratifying revenue to him.

On the 8th of March, 1880, in Davenport, Mr. Paustian was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Watcke, a daughter of Hans and Annie (Ewolt) Watcke, who were natives of Germany and came to this country in 1856. The mother passed away in Durant, Iowa, but the father still survives and makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Paustian. Unto our subject and his wife have been born six children, five sons and one daughter, the record of whom is as follows: Herman, a resident of Muscatine county, wedded Miss Annie Schorr, a daughter of Jacob Schorr, who is mentioned on another page of this volume. Louis, living in Farmington township, this county, married Miss Clara Miller, a daughter of William Miller, whose sketch also appears on another page of this work. Hugo, Emil and Victor are all at home. Alma is the wife of Adolph Petersen and makes her home in Davenport.

When exercising his right of franchise Mr. Paustian supports the men and measures of the democracy, being a firm believer in its principles. He now holds the office of school director, having served in that capacity for the past four years. He and his family belong to the German Lutheran church and do all in their power to promote its growth and extend its influence. Mr. Paustian has had no false standard of life, but, aware that earnest and indefatigable labor constitutes the basis for advancement in the world's work, has been diligent in seeking and winning prosperity, and that he has lived honorably is manifest in the fact that he enjoys the respect and confidence of those who have known him from boyhood.

LUKE ENLOW.

The student of Cedar county's history does not carry his investigations far before he learns that the name of Enlow figures prominently in connection with the annals of this section of the state. Luke Enlow belonged to a family that has been prominently and actively associated with the work of progress and improvement here. He was born in Stark county, Ohio, October 11, 1832, and was the seventh in order of birth in a family of eight children, whose parents were James and Ruth (Hewitt) Enlow, natives of Pennsylvania. On leaving the Keystone state they removed to Ohio, where their remaining days were passed. Their family numbered eight children: Mrs. Emily Shreeve, who died in Ohio; Mrs. Susan Whinery, who also passed away in that state; Mrs. Rebecca Pennock, who died in Ohio; Mrs. Mary H. Cope, who died at West Branch, Iowa; Samuel, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Luke;

Thomas, who died in Cedar county; and Jonathan, who died when a young man in Ohio.

Luke Enlow spent his youthful days in his native county and remained a resident of Ohio until he came to Iowa, with the exception of a single year spent in Indiana. He arrived in Cedar county in March, 1854,—a young man of twenty-one years. He secured a companion and helpmate for life's journey when, on the 12th of September, 1856, he wedded Miss Cynthia Ann Gruwell, who was born in Stark county, Ohio, September 12, 1837, and had been a schoolmate of her husband during her youthful days. In 1854 she came to Iowa with her parents, Moses and Ann (Carr) Gruwell, who were natives of Stark county, Ohio. They located in Gower township, three miles north of the present site of West Branch, Mr. Gruwell entering four hundred acres of land from the government. There he developed and improved a farm, upon which he continued to make his home until his death. Following his demise his widow removed to West Branch, where her remaining days were passed. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Mrs. Enlow; Thomas, who died in West Branch leaving a widow and three sons; Hiram I., a resident of California; Samuel C., living in West Branch; Mrs. Esther Neagus, who died in Springdale; Charles C., a resident of Minnesota; Mary P., the wife of Abner Edmundson, of Washington; and Eliza Lloyd, who died in West Branch.

Following their marriage Mr. Enlow and his bride located upon a farm in Hardin county, Iowa, where they lived for twelve years. They then returned to this county and settled three miles north of West Branch in Gower township. It was a tract of eighty acres, which he at once began to cultivate and improve. As he prospered in his undertakings he added to this a tract of forty acres and later he bought eighty acres more, making a total of two hundred acres, which he continued to cultivate and develop until 1892. He brought his fields under a high state of cultivation and they returned to him splendid crops as a reward for his care and labor. For his products he found a ready sale upon the market and thus year by year he prospered until he came to be numbered among the substantial citizens of the county. He continued to engage in farming until 1892, when he retired to West Branch, where his remaining days were passed. The family still own eighty acres of the old home farm, while the remainder was sold to his son.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Enlow there were born five children: Dora L., who died at the age of thirty-two years; J. Walter, who owns and resides upon the old home place in Gower township; Ella, at home; Esther Bell, the wife of T. D. White, of West Branch; and Ethel, who died in her third year. The old homestead farm has been owned by only three white men. It was entered from the government by Mrs. Enlow's father and a part of it was purchased by her husband, while now it is owned by her son.

Mr. Enlow was an active member of the Society of Friends and aided liberally in building the Honey Grove Friends church. After his removal to West Branch he united with the Friends church there and remained one of its loyal supporters and active workers until his demise. His life was ever in harmony with its teachings, and he was widely known as an upright and honorable man, who merited the confidence and good-will which were universally extended him.

In politics he was a stanch republican but never consented to hold office save in connection with the schools. He was interested in matters of progressive citizenship, however, and gave his support to many measures and movements for the public good.

Mrs. Enlow still resides in West Branch, where she is widely and favorably known. For fifty-six years she has been a resident of Cedar county and her memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. There is little today to indicate the condition of things which existed at the time of her arrival. As she traveled westward with her parents one month was consumed in making the journey from Ohio to Iowa with wagons, for there were no railroads at that day. They had a wagon loaded with their household goods, while a two-seated carriage was occupied by the family. With the exception of the two youngest children, who were born here, all made the long journey across the prairies from Ohio to Iowa. Mrs. Enlow can remember the time when the town of West Branch had no existence and other flourishing towns and villages of this part of the state were little more than hamlets. She has seen the wild lands converted into fine farms and the primitive homes replaced by large and substantial dwellings, giving every evidence of the prosperity which has blessed the county as the result of the energy and business enterprise of its citizens.

FREDERICK W. OWEN.

Frederick W. Owen, a well known and progressive farmer of Center township, whose home is on section 13, was born here on the 22d of October, 1881, being a son of Josiah and Mary J. (Welty) Owen, prominent early settlers of this county. The greater part of his education was acquired in the public schools here but in 1893 he accompanied his parents on their removal to Sheridan, Kansas, where the family resided for three years. At the end of that time, however, they returned to Cedar county and since attaining to manhood our subject has devoted his entire time and attention to agricultural pursuits. He is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres on section 13, Center township, it having come into his possession in 1907, though he had operated it in connection with his brother for two years pervious to that time. He follows general farming and stock-raising and is also an auctioneer of note, having devoted considerable attention to that business in which he has met with excellent success, particularly in the sale of farm lands.

On the 23d of December, 1908, Mr. Owen was married to Miss Anna M. Brandt of Bennett, Iowa, her parents being Christopher and Mary Brandt, who are natives of Germany and during childhood came to America with their respective parents, who sought homes in this new land of opportunity. Mr. and Mrs. Brandt now live in Inland township, this county. Mrs. Owen was born on a farm near Dixon, Iowa, August 12, 1884, and at the age of three years accompanied her parents on their removal to Bennett. She began her education in the country schools and later attended the Wilton German-English school at

Wilton Junction, Iowa, for three years, after which she engaged in teaching for two years. At the age of nineteen she was tendered and accepted a position as clerk in the Bennett Savings Bank and was a faithful employee of that institution for a period of four years, being assistant cashier two years. Mr. Owen is an honored member of the Modern Woodmen of America and is popular in both business and social circles.

L. D. ALBAUGH.

The life record of L. D. Albaugh had covered but three years when he was brought to Cedar county, arriving in 1853. He was reared to farm life and on arriving at years of maturity elected to follow agricultural pursuits with the result that his intelligently directed effort has made him the owner of a farm of one hundred and eighty acres finely located within two and one-half miles of Mechanicsville.

He was born in Carroll county, Ohio, March 4, 1850. His father, William Albaugh, also a native of the Buckeye state, was born in 1828 and was there joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Hosterman, also a native of Ohio. They continued residents of that state until 1853 when, thinking to have better opportunities west of the Mississippi, they journeyed to Iowa, casting in their lot with the early settlers of Cedar county, where the father, whose financial resources were somewhat limited, rented land. He gave unrelaxing attention to the development of the property, however, and the practical methods which he followed in cultivating his fields brought to him success that enabled him later to purchase a farm. In the fall of 1898 he lost his wife and, since retiring from active life, now makes his home in Mechanicsville.

L. D. Albaugh was reared on the old homestead and at the usual age entered the public schools, wherein he mastered the common branches of English learning. In the summer season he was trained in the work of the fields and assisted his father in carrying on the home farm until twenty-five years of age. He was then married in Pioneer township on the 7th of October, 1875, the lady of his choice being Miss Louisa Shrope, who was born in Pennsylvania but was reared in this county. She was a daughter of Mrs. Margaret Shrope, one of the worthy pioneer women of Iowa, mentioned elsewhere in this volume.

Following his marriage Mr. Albaugh cultivated rented land for several years and all during that time was actuated by the ambition to own land and, carefully saving his earnings, he purchased eighty acres of his present farm in 1891. The added stimulus of cultivating his own land and thereby gaining the entire reward of his labors now proved the motive power in his work, and he began making repairs and bringing the farm into a state of good improvement. As opportunity offered he bought more land and now owns one hundred and eighty acres in his home place. It presents a neat and attractive appearance with its well tilled fields and high bred stock, and he raises and feeds stock, for which he receives a good return upon the market. He has studied the best methods of cultivating his land and enhancing its productiveness and the fields respond in large crops.

In 1892 Mr. Albaugh was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 10th of June of that year. There were six children by that marriage: Harry, who now carries on a farm in Pioneer township; Elba, who was married but is now deceased; Mamie, who is the wife of Richard Burrows; Cora, the wife of Simon Singer of South Dakota; Pearl, the wife of John Nolan, a resident farmer of Pioneer township; and Orlie, who is married and follows farming in Fremont township. On the 23d of February, 1893, Mr. Albaugh was again married, his second union being with Ida Dwinnell, who was born and reared in Cedar county and is a daughter of Austin Dwinnell, who came to this state from Maine in 1855. There are two children of the second marriage: Irma Leone and Ralph Lorenzo.

Mr. Albaugh proudly cast his first presidential vote for General Grant in 1872, and he has never failed to support the presidential nominee of the party since that time. His study of the vital questions and issues of the day has led him to the belief that republican principles are most conducive to good government, but he has never been an office seeker and has filled no public positions save in connection with the schools, serving on the school board for a number of years. He has been a resident here from his childhood days, witnessing the growth and development of the county through fifty-seven years. During this period he has seen villages established and develop into thriving towns and cities, has seen wild lands converted into productive farms and telegraph and telephone lines constructed. Cedar county has not been behind other districts in adopting those things which show the onward march of civilization, and Mr. Albaugh has at all times been an advocate of progress and improvement.

CHRISTIAN KROGER.

Christian Kroger, a prominent and progressive farmer of Center township, Cedar county, is one of those who claim Germany as the place of their nativity and in the new world have met with success and prosperity as the result of the wise utilization of the opportunities here offered. Born in Holstein, Germany, on the 8th of May, 1856, he is a son of Paul and Margaret (Grell) Kroger, also natives of that country, where the mother passed away. The father, with his children, crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1871, making his way direct to Iowa, and he took up his abode in Scott county, remaining there for some time. He then joined his son Christian in Wisconsin, where the latter had gone in 1876, and there his death occurred January 17, 1890.

Of a family of three children Christian Kroger was the second in the order of birth and is now the only surviving member, his elder brother, Henry, passing away in Scott county, while a sister died in infancy. He acquired his education in the schools of his native land and as a youth of fifteen years accompanied his father on his removal to the new world. Making his home in Scott county, Iowa, for five years, in 1876 he went to Wisconsin, and was identified with agricultural interests there for a number of years. He became owner of a farm of two hundred and forty acres in Trempealeau county, that state, which he

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sold, however, before his return to Iowa in 1894. The summer and fall months were spent in Scott county, and then, in the latter part of that year, he purchased his present farm, comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 32, Center township, Cedar county. He is also the owner of ten acres of timber land. During the sixteen years of his connection with agricultural interests in this county he has acquired a degree of prosperity that is the logical result of well directed efforts and intelligently applied labors, and his farm, under his wise management, has been brought to a high state of cultivation, indicating in its attractive and well kept appearance the practical and progressive methods of its owner. He has placed many improvements upon the place, and it is now one of the valuable properties of the locality.

It was on May 29, 1879, that Mr. Kroger was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Schmidt, a daughter of Joachim and Sophia Schmidt, both of whom passed away in Wisconsin. The father was a farmer in that state. Mrs. Kroger was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, on the 13th of October, 1859, and as a little maid came with her parents to the United States in 1866. By her marriage to Mr. Kroger she became the mother of seven children, all natives of Wisconsin with the exception of the youngest, whose birth occurred in Iowa. They are as follows: Emma, the wife of George Wehde, of Cass township; Minnie, who passed away at the age of three years; Fritz, at home; Ella, who became the wife of Hans Wehde, of Center township; Sophia, also at home; Louise, who died at the age of two years; and Chris, still under the parental roof.

Possessed of those sturdy elements which are the salient qualities of the German race, Mr. Kroger has also, during his many years' residence in this country, become imbued with that spirit of progress so characteristic of the American people, and these qualities he has ever manifested in the conduct of his business affairs, becoming one of the substantial and prosperous farmers of Center township and one of the representative ctizens of the community. Both he and his wife were reared in the Lutheran faith and still cling to that belief though they are not members of any church. In politics he is a democrat and has served as school director here for two terms and for nine years during his residence in Wisconsin.

HENRY F. LEWIS.

Henry F. Lewis has been a resident of Iowa township, Cedar county, Iowa, since March 17, 1857, on which date he first opened his eyes to the light of day, and in the meantime has been closely identified with the agricultural growth and development of this section, being well known as a successful and substantial farmer and stock-raiser. He is a son of Isaac W. and Jane E. (Pierce) Lewis, the former born in Columbiana county, Ohio, on the 6th of April, 1834, and the latter near Baltimore, Maryland, February 14, 1835. The paternal grandparents were William and Elizabeth Lewis, who came to Iowa from Maryland at an early day, the former entering one hundred and sixty acres on the east half of the northwest quarter and the west half of the northeast quarter of sec-

tion 8, Iowa township, upon which farm their remaining days were spent. Their family consisted of six children, as follows: John S. and Joseph, both deceased; Cynthia, the deceased wife of Joseph Henry; Isaac W., father of our subject; Clark, a resident of Missouri; and Lydia, who passed away in infancy. The maternal grandparents were Isaiah and Charlotte (Smith) Pierce, natives of Maryland, who left that state to come to Iowa about 1852. They both passed away in this state. Their family consisted of four sons and four daughters.

Isaac W. Lewis was a lad of twelve years when, in 1846, he came with his parents to Iowa, and here he has since continued to make his home. In early life he was a farmer, continuing to actively engage in that occupation until 1886, when he removed to West Liberty, where he is now engaged in the stock business, with which he has been identified for many years. He is an extensive property owner, possessing two excellent farms in Iowa township. Unto him and his wife were born five children, of whom Henry F. of this review is the eldest. The others are: Joseph Earl, of California; Inez, the wife of Dr. Woodruff, of Cedar Rapids; and Lottie, who married J. H. Filson, also of Cedar Rapids. One child, Ernest, died when but seven years of age.

In the public schools Henry F. Lewis acquired a good education, passing through consecutive grades until his graduation from high school, and on his father's farm he acquired that broad general knowledge which comes only from a thorough course in the school of experience. Thus he was well equipped for the responsible and practical duties of life when, upon attaining his majority, he started out in the business world on his own account. Wisely choosing the occupation to which he had been reared, he entered upon farming as his life work and has never had occasion to regret his decision, for the success that has attended his efforts is an indication that early environment and training as well as natural inclination all fitted him for this field of endeavor. He is now the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres located on section 5, Iowa township, all highly cultivated, and the improvements upon the place, including a good residence and substantial barns and outbuildings, stand as a monument to his thrift and enterprise. In addition to general farming he engages in stock-raising, and both branches of his business are so conducted as to return to him most gratifying annual remuneration.

In 1884 Mr. Lewis was united in marriage to Miss Susie J. Leonard, who was born in Springdale township on the 21st of September, 1861. She is a daughter of John and Lydia (Dawson) Leonard, natives of Ireland and Pennsylvania respectively. Mr. Leonard took up his abode in Ohio when a youth of seventeen years, and three years later came to Cedar county, Iowa, with his widowed mother, two sisters and an adopted sister and brother. Here he spent his remaining days, passing away in 1906 at the age of seventy-eight years. His widow still survives and makes her home at West Branch. In their family were two sons and three daughters, but Mrs. Lewis and a sister, Ida Kingsbury, of Iowa township, are the only surviving members. By her marirage to Mr. Lewis the former became the mother of four children, namely: Lon E., of Omaha, Nebraska; Ruby Ida; Ernest Pierce and Henry Fletcher, Jr., both at home. Of this number the eldest daughter, Ruby Ida, graduated from the Springdale high school in 1905 and from the Cedar Falls State Normal School

with the class of 1909. Choosing teaching as a life work, she became assistant principal of the Stanwood high school in 1909, was elected to the same position at the West Branch high school in 1910, and in the latter year was democratic nominee for the office of county superintendent of schools. Previous to taking her course at the State Normal School she had taught for two years in the district schools of Iowa, and that she is well qualified for the work to which she is devoting her life and has given excellent satisfaction in that direction, is indicated by the high positions to which she has been called in the profession.

Early in life Mr. Lewis became interested in the politics of the country and, forming his own opinions and rules of conduct, has given support to the democratic party and has ever been a worker for the best interests of Cedar county. Having passed his entire life within the borders of this county, he is well known among his fellow citizens, and the fact that many of his best friends are those who have known him the longest is an indication that his salient characteristics are such as inspire and hold regard, esteem and good will.

HENRY W. THEDE.

Among the progressive and up-to-date farmers of Cedar county may be named Henry W. Thede, who, although comparatively a young man, is now the owner of three well improved farms in this county and is recognized as one of the responsible members of the farming community. He was born August 20, 1864, in Scott county, Iowa, and is a son of Juergen and Maria Catherine (Broders) Thede, a sketch of the father appearing elsewhere in this work. Mr. Thede received his education in the district schools of Muscatine and Cedar counties and grew up in one of the noted agricultural districts of the state, acquiring a practical knowledge of the industry to which he has devoted his life.

Instead of seeking his fortune in the city amidst strangers and in the face of a stern competition, that has wrecked thousands of promising farmer boys, Mr. Thede possessed the good judgment to remain upon the farm. As a result. while many others who left the farm twenty-five years ago, attracted by the excitement of the city, are now standing behind the counter at ten or fifteen dollars a week, the subject of our sketch years ago acquired a competence and may now be said to be one of the wealthy men of the community. He remained at home with his father until he arrived at the age of twenty-six years, when he became associated with a life companion and for five years rented land of his father-in-law. By energy and good judgment he attained a stage where he could start independently and bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he greatly improved and where he now lives. He also owns another farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Farmington township and a third farm of the same area in Fairfield township, all of which are improved. Active and enterprising in an unusual degree, his efforts have been crowned with success and he is now starting a herd of shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey swine, both of

which give promise of development that will meet a constantly growing demand for high grade animals, now more sought after than ever before. To this work Mr. Thede brings a well trained judgment, which is so important in the breeder and without which no man can build up a reputable herd of pure blooded stock.

In 1891 Mr. Thede was happily united in marriage to Miss Sophia Horn, of Durant, Iowa. Her father was John Horn, a native of Germany, who emigrated to this country a poor boy and found employment as a railroad laborer, then became a farmer and, starting with eighty acres of land, at his death five years ago was the owner of four farms and was one of the leading citizens of this county. This record is a remarkable evidence of the possibilities in this country for any young man who is willing to work and who will deny himself in early years in order to gain independence as he grows older. The mother of Mrs. Thede was Johanna Rixe before her marriage. She was a native of Germany and spent her last years with her daughter in this county. Seven children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Thede: Elma, Albert, William, Elsie, Norma, Le Roy, and Harry, all of whom are living at home.

Mr. Thede affiliates with the democratic party but has never sought political honors. Although not a member of any religious denomination, he gives liberally toward the support of churches and is known as a broad-minded and patriotic citizen whose aim is to deal justly and to give full value for anything he receives. He is of the type of modern men who feel the quickening pulse beat of the twentieth century and respond to it by enhancing the beauty and value of their surroundings and at the same time contribute in a most important degree to the upbuilding of the community.

H. T. SWART.

Spending almost his entire life upon the farm which is yet his home, H. T. Swart has therefore become well known throughout this section of the county, where he is recognized as one of the successful and substantial business men. Born in Iowa township on the 30th of March, 1859, he is a son of J. H. and Harriett E. (Gifford) Swart, the former born in West Virginia, near Wheeling, on the 22d of June, 1832, and the latter in Athens county, Ohio, December 2, 1833. The mother came to Cedar county in 1855 with her parents, while the father came in same year alone and they were married in this county, after which they took up their abode in Iowa township. With the exception of one year spent in California (1862), J. H. Swart continued to make this his home, engaging in agricultural pursuits until the time of his death, which occurred June 2, 1897. He was a stanch republican in politics and held various township offices. His widow, who still survives, makes her home in West Liberty, where she has resided for the past eleven years. In their family were five children, as follows: Charles B., who has passed away, leaving a widow and two children; H. T., of this review; Elsie M., the widow of A. S. Watson, who resides in Salt Lake City, Utah; Cora E., who wedded D. E. McCartney, of Griswold, Iowa; and Rebecca, residing with her mother.

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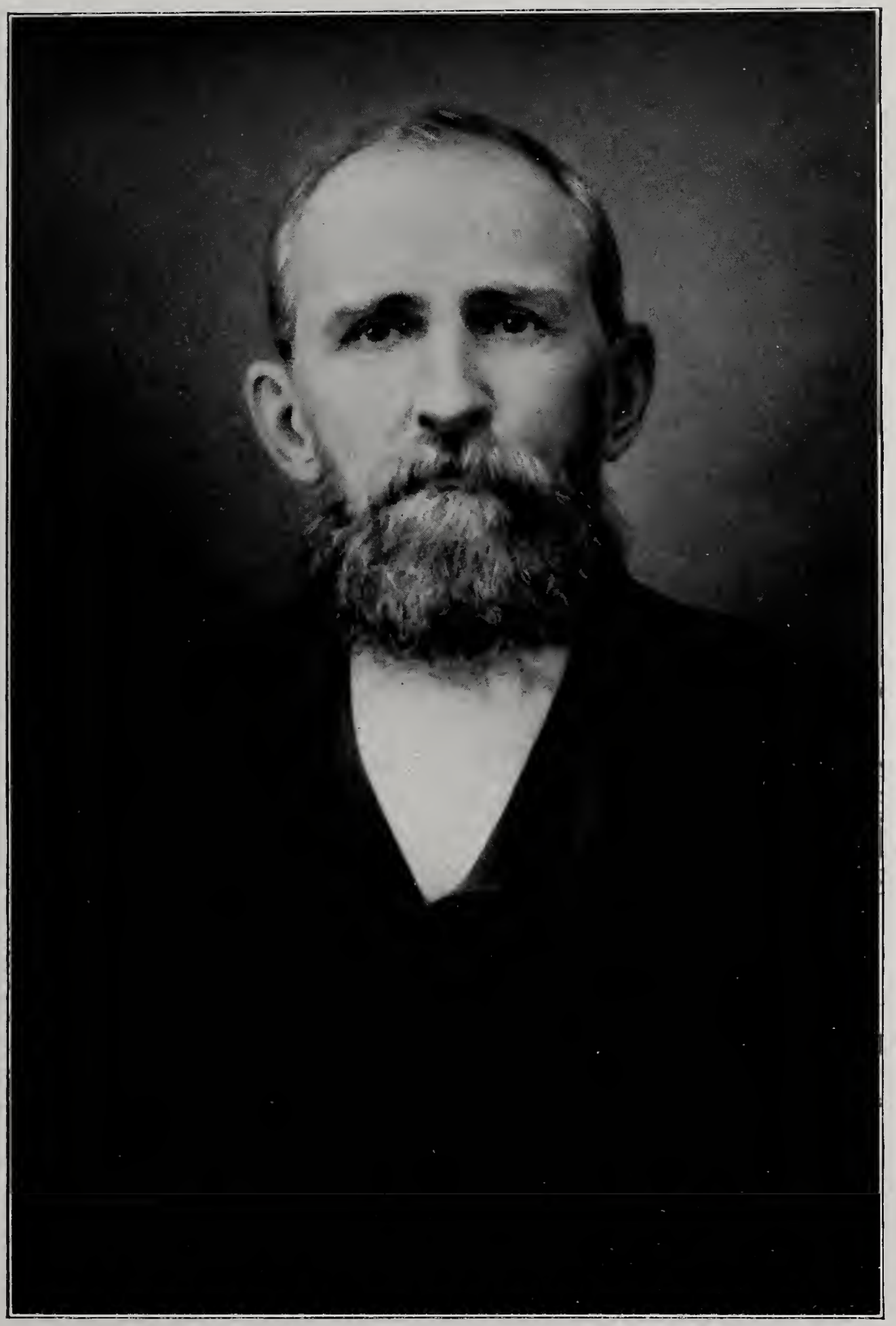

J. H. SWART

Spending the period of his boyhood and youth upon the farm in Iowa township, H. T. Swart attended the country schools in the pursuit of his education and in the work of the farm, with which he early became familiar, learned lessons concerning the value of industry, energy and perseverance which served as a firm foundation upon which to erect the superstructure of later success. As his strength increased and his experience broadened with the passing of the years, he assumed more and more largely the responsibilities of the home farm and eventually, as the eldest son, was given full control of his father's estate, to the operation and further development of which he has since given his entire attention. The farm consists of one hundred and sixty acres located on sections 17 and 18, Iowa township, and as he has prospered from year to year he has extended his property interests, being now the owner of eighty acres on section 19, one hundred and sixty acres in the state of Wyoming, and also twenty acres of valuable timber land on section 14, Iowa township. The care of his property occupies all of his time, and he has never cared to direct his attention into other channels, preferring rather to concentrate his energies upon his agricultural pursuits, to which fact, doubtless, is due the degree of prosperity which he has attained. Industry, energy and perseverance have ever been the guiding influences of his life and have constituted the salient elements in the success which is now his.

Mr. Swart was united in marriage in 1880 to Miss Annie E. Street, a native of New Jersey, where her birth occurred September 15, 1857. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Street, who were natives of England and came to the United States in 1854, the family home being established in Paterson, New Jersey, where she made her home until the time of her marriage. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Swart have been born four children, namely: Laura G., the wife of Charles Montgomery, of West Liberty, Iowa; Charles J., operating his father's farm of eighty acres on section 19, Iowa township; Rena E., who married Earl Jackson, of West Liberty; and Jesse H., at home.

In politics Mr. Swart supports the men and measures of the republican party, in the interests of which he is an active worker, and at various times he has been called to public office, serving as township trustee, as assessor for six years and as school officer, in all of which he manifested a public-spirited devotion to duty that won him the high commendation of his fellow citizens. Fraternally he holds membership in the Modern Brotherhood of America at West Liberty, and, having spent almost his entire life within the borders of Iowa township, is well known to a large circle of friends who honor and respect him for the many sterling qualities which are his.

GEORGE STRACKBEIN.

George Strackbein is numbered among the oldest citizens of Cedar county and, at the ripe old age of eighty-two years, is yet hale and hearty. Although not engaged in actual labor, he is, nevertheless interested in the world's work and occupies a prominent place among Cedar county's representative and honored residents. Like many others who go to make up the citizenship of Iowa, he is

a native of Germany, his birth occurring in Westphalia, on the 12th of March, 1828. In that country he was reared to manhood and in the common schools of the fatherland acquired his education.

In 1854, when a young man of twenty-six years, Mr. Strackbein crossed the Atlantic, resolved to seek his fortune in America—a country which held out to young men of ambition and enterprise opportunities for advancement in business lines far exceeding those offered in the old country. For a year he resided about seventy-five miles south of St. Louis and then, coming to Cedar county, here worked as a farm hand by the month for a number of years. In the meantime, however, by reason of his industry, perseverance and frugality—his salient characteristics—he was able to accumulate a goodly sum and, desiring that his efforts should more directly benefit himself, in 1864 he purchased his present farm, consisting of one hundred and twenty acres on section 3, Springfield township. But slightly improved when it came into his possession, he at once directed his energies to its further development, bringing the fields under a high state of cultivation and erecting substantial buildings, so that today it is one of the good homes and valuable properties of Springfield township. In his farming he was most successful, for he carried on his pursuits according to strictly modern and up-to-date methods, made a close study of soil and climate and so carefully managed his interests that with the passing years his efforts were resultant forces in the acquirement of a competence which now makes it possible for him to retire from the actual work of the farm and enjoy, in well deserved rest, the fruits of his former toil.

It was in 1864, in Cedar county, that Mr. Strackbein was united in marriage to Katherine (Delkurt) Anderson, and they traveled life's journey happily together until 1907, when the wife was called to her final rest. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Louise, who married George Strackbein and is now deceased; Frank; Louis, who passed away at the age of seven years; Florentine, who married Fred Ohlrogge; and Sophia, who died in childhood. Mr. Ohlrogge, who was born in Germany, came to the United States when a boy and has always engaged in farming. He owns eighty acres in Springfield township, upon which he resided until the spring of 1910, when he purchased the Strackbein homestead of his father-in-law, where he and his wife now reside. They are the parents of three daughters, Annie, Emma and Martha.

The religious faith of Mr. Strackbein is indicated by his membership in the Evangelical church, the teachings of which have ever proven the guiding influence of his life, while in politics he has been a lifelong republican. Although he has never sought nor desired public office as a reward for party fealty, he has, however, been deeply and helpfully interested in all those things which are matters of interest to the true American citizen, and his influence has ever been found upon the side of reform, improvement and advancement. He is one of the oldest men living in Cedar county, and although he has long since passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, he yet enjoys excellent health and strength. He is not actively engaged in farming, for the success which he has attained in former years makes it possible for him to live retired without further recourse to hard work, but the strong spirit of industry and en-

ergy which has characterized his entire life makes it impossible for him to remain idle, and he assists in the work of the farm, although leaving the actual management to others. He is well known throughout the community in which his home has been maintained for almost a half century, and he occupies a high place in the regard of his fellowmen for he has lived to good purpose and his many excellent qualities have won him the affection and honor of all with whom he has come in contact, while his salient characteristics have ever been those which speak for honorable manhood and good citizenship.

ALEX BUCHANAN.

Alex Buchanan owns and operates in connection with his sons a farm of five hundred and sixty acres lying on sections 13 and 18, Linn township, not far from Mechanicsville. This is a valuable property improved with two sets of buildings and the methods employed in its cultivation add continually to its productiveness and its value. Mr. Buchanan is one of the native sons of Cedar county, his birth having occurred in Cass township, July 30, 1841. Pioneer conditions still existed here through the period of his boyhood and he shared with his family in the hardships and privations of life on the frontier. The schools were primitive and he was largely self-educated but his training at farm labor was not meager. He early learned the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops and thus came to manhood well equipped for the duties that have since devolved upon him as a representative farmer of the county.

Mr. Buchanan was married in this county on the 22d of February, 1872, to Miss Sarah C. Downing, who was born and reared in this county and is a daughter of Joseph Downing, one of the pioneer settlers of the district. They began their domestic life on the farm which is still their home, although the changes which have been wrought here have produced a marked transformation in the appearance of the place. The present home was erected by Mr. Buchanan and is a two-story brick residence large and commodious and of an attractive style of architecture. It is well supplied with all modern conveniences, including furnace heat, hot and cold water and bath. In fact, it is one of the finest farm homes of Cedar county and would be a credit to a city of large proportions. There are two complete sets of buildings upon the place. These include several large barns and ample outbuildings for grain and stock. A fine grove of evergreen trees has also been set out. There is also a grove of native timber to the northwest of the house and altogether the place is one of the elegant country homes, such as are the envy of many people whom circumstances have forced into the crowded life of the city. Mr. Buchanan and his sons make a business of raising, feeding and fattening stock for the market and sell several carloads each year. Their fields are carefully tilled according to the most modern methods and the judicious use of fertilizers and the rotation of crops keeps the land in excellent condition.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan have been born six children: Bert and Alex, both of whom are married and reside upon the home farm, which they are now

operating; Mary, the wife of George D. Herring of South Dakota; Minnie, the wife of Mont Herring of Red Oak township; and Cora, the wife of Curtis Herring of Red Oak township, the three sisters marrying three brothers; and one child who died in infancy.

Mrs. Buchanan is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Buchanan has never taken an active part in politics but his son and namesake was elected and served for two years as county recorder. The father is one of the well known and highly honored business men of Cedar and adjoining counties. He takes pride in all that is progressive and "onward" has been emblazoned on his banner from his youthful days. He steadily pushes forward along lines of improvement, and what he has undertaken and accomplished has made him a successful business man. The public recognizes the fact that his prosperity is well merited, for in all his transactions he has been straightforward, and his honesty in business affairs is above question.

FREDERICK E. KAUFMANN.

Frederick E. Kaufmann is one of the most substantial farmers and stock-raisers of Cedar county. His home, known as the Spring Hill Stock Farm, is pleasantly located on section 23, Sugar Creek township. He was born on the 30th of December, 1856, in the same township and here has continued to reside throughout life. His parents are Henry A. and Gustina (Miller) Kaufmann, of whom extended mention is made on another page of this volume. He is the second in order of birth in their family of three sons, the others being Henry, now a resident of Nebraska, and Charles C., who also makes his home in Sugar Creek township.

During his boyhood and youth Frederick E. Kaufmann obtained a good practical education in the local schools and early acquired an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits while assisting his father in the labors of the home farm. On reaching manhood he chose the occupation to which he had been reared as his life work and is today the owner of eleven hundred acres of very valuable and productive land in this county, about seven hundred and fifty acres being in his home place in Sugar Creek township. It is a highly cultivated tract and well improved with good and substantial buildings, which stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. There is a fine spring upon the place, which has never been known to go dry since white men have been living here. In connection with general farming Mr. Kaufmann has always given special attention to the breeding of stock, principally shorthorn cattle, Percheron and coach horses and Chester White hogs. This branch of his business he has also found quite profitable. He has become interested in the banking business, being a director of the Farmers Savings Bank of Wilton since its organization and a stockholder of the Downey Bank and the Union Bank of Wilton.

In 1885 Mr. Kaufmann was united in marriage to Miss Rosa Freyermuth, who was born in Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1864, a daughter of Jacob and Caroline Freyermuth. Her parents were both natives of Germany and came to

the United States in early life, being married in this country. Her mother is now deceased but her father is still living in Muscatine at the age of seventy-eight years. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Kaufmann are: Richard, who died in infancy; Pearl; Harry; Carrie; George, who died in August, 1909, at the age of twelve years; Florence; and Walter.

The republican party has always found in Mr. Kaufmann a stanch supporter of its principles and he has taken quite an active interest in local politics, serving as justice of the peace for about three years and as school director for about twelve years. He is a public-spirited, progressive citizen, who never withholds his support from any enterprise which he believes calculated to advance the welfare of his community, state or nation. As a business man he is widely and favorably known, being upright and honorable in all his dealings, and he well merits the high esteem in which he is held.

JOHN JEFFERS.

The soil of Iowa is naturally rich and productive and responds readily to the care and labor which are bestowed upon it—a truth which is manifest in the case of John Jeffers, the owner of three hundred and forty acres of valuable property in Cedar county. A native of Rochester township, this county, he was born on the 9th of May, 1855, a son of James and Allie (Fulwider) Jeffers. The former, whose birth probably occurred in Indiana, was reared in that state and as a young man came to Iowa in the late '40s. He located in Cedar county and was engaged in farming until his death, which occurred about 1864. His wife, who was a daughter of John and Sally (Kincaid) Fulwider, was born in Greenbrier county, West Virginia, in 1827, and in 1839 came with her parents to Cedar county, Iowa, the family home being established in Rochester township. There she was reared and married and continued to make her home until called to her final rest.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. James Jeffers were seven children, as follows: George, deceased; John, of this review; William, who died in childhood; Ellen, the deceased wife of John Thompson; Martha, the widow of John Rice, of Grand Junction, Iowa; Mary, the widow of J. B. Horn, of Tipton; and Jane, who became the wife of W. P. Buyer, of Armstrong, Iowa.

Being left an orphan at an early age, John Jeffers was but eleven years of age when, with one sister, he went to live with an uncle, J. H. Fulwider, a resident of Rochester township, in whose home he was reared to manhood. He was early imbued with the desire of earning his own livelihood, however, and on attaining man's estate entered upon an independent career as a farmer, in which line of activity he has continued to remain to the present time. With the passing of the years he has been successful in the undertaking and is now the owner of three hundred and forty acres of valuable land in Rochester township, two hundred and forty acres on section 31 comprising the home farm, and one hundred acres lying on section 32. He has brought both places under a high state of cultivation, has erected good barns and substantial outbuildings,

and has introduced all modern equipment necessary for facilitating farm labor. He has carried on his farming according to the most practical and progressive methods, and the excellent appearance of his fields is proof of the success which has crowned his efforts.

Mr. Jeffers was united in marriage on the 6th of February, 1884, to Miss Sarah Jane Pirkey, who was born in Greene county, Iowa, on the 14th of May, 1861, a daughter of William and Mary (Edwards) Pirkey. Both parents were natives of Virginia, the latter coming to Iowa with her parents at the age of eight years. The father, who lost his mother when but three months old, came with his father to Iowa when a child of two years, taking up his residence in Greene county, where his death occurred in 1865, at the early age of twenty-five years. His widow came to Cedar county when her daughter, Mrs. Jeffers, was a little maiden of five summers, and here spent her remaining days, passing away on the 17th of November, 1897, having reached the fifty-seventh milestone on life's journey. By her marriage she had become the mother of four children, two of whom passed away in infancy. Those who survive are: Sarah Jane, the wife of our subject; and William, of Olathe, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Jeffers became the parents of five children: Elma, a high school teacher; Warren, who passed away at the age of fifteen years; Gertrude, Lulu and Everett, all at home.

Mr. Jeffers is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of South Bethel, and in his fraternal relations belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America at Tipton. Public-spirited in his citizenship, he gives stalwart support to the democrat party and at all times strongly advocates those measures which are matters of civic virtue and civic pride. A resident of this district during his entire life, he has become widely acquainted throughout the locality and occupies a high place in the regard and esteem of his fellowmen by reason of his honorable methods and upright principles.

JAMES C. WALTON.

The name of Walton is inseparably associated with the history of Cedar county. James C. Walton was a resident here for seventy-two years, a record scarcely paralleled in this part of the state, and throughout the entire period his upright and honorable life commended him to the confidence and good-will of all who knew him. He was born in Jackson county, Ohio, April 27, 1830, and was the youngest in the family of eight children of David W. Walton, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. He had a great-uncle who was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. The father arrived in Sugar Creek township and staked out two claims in 1835. In 1836 he brought his family and on the 10th of May of that year they arrived at their destination, taking up their abode upon a claim which their father had previously secured. James C. Walton was only six years of age at the time. Later, as his strength permitted, he assisted more and more largely in the work of the farm, at all times

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sharing with the family in the hardships and trials incident to pioneer life, when long distances and lack of rapid transportation cut one off from the comforts of the older and more thickly settled east. For fifty-five years he lived upon the old farm and always carried on general agricultural pursuits.

On the 3d of June, 1858, Mr. Walton was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Copeland, the wedding ceremony being performed in the Fleming House at Tipton, Iowa, by William Long, justice of the peace. Mrs. Walton was born in Harrison county, Ohio, September 25, 1840, and was a daughter of James and Christena Copeland. She accompanied her parents to Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1854 and there resided until her marriage. Her people were among the wealthy and influential families of Harrison county, Ohio. Mr. Walton took his bride to the homestead in Sugar Creek township, and they resided thereon throughout the entire period of their married life, covering more than half a century. Unto them were born seven children, six of whom reached adult age, while a little daughter passed away when but four months old. One of their daughters, Carlie Mabel, who was the life and light of the old home, was called to her final rest June 16, 1905, at the age of thirty-one years. The other children are: Mrs. Laura Hanna; J. Parker, of Sugar Creek township; Mrs. Addie Victoria Barclay, the wife of Joseph Barclay; Vernon C. and Albert Bell, all of whom at the time of the father's death resided in Sugar Creek township near the old homestead with the exception of Mrs. Barclay, who makes her home in Wilton.

In his political views Mr. Walton was a lifelong republican with firm faith in the principles of the party which he supported by his ballot. He and his wife held membership in the Christian church and guided their lives by its teachings. This worthy couple traveled life's journey happily together for more than half a century and in 1908 celebrated their golden wedding. They had prospered as the years passed and accumulated a considerable portion of this world's goods. Mrs. Walton had carefully managed the household affairs, while her husband carried on the work of the farm, and as the years passed by he invested in real estate, becoming the owner of about nine hundred acres of land in Sugar Creek township. He was never known to take advantage of another in any business transaction, was never sued in all his life nor did he ever sue any one. He lived peaceably and honorably with all men and his many sterling traits of character won him the highest respect. On the 22d of June, 1908, just nineteen days after the celebration of the golden wedding, he was called to his final rest. He had the distinction at that time of being the oldest settler in the county, and he related many interesting incidents concerning the events which marked the county's history and development. He had not only been a witness of the county's upbuilding but had also aided materially in its progress as opportunity offered. He had seen the wild prairie converted into fine farms and had himself in his younger days broken acre after acre of the prairie sod. He had also hunted and killed all kinds of game, and he often told how in the early days on the present site of the Methodist church in Wilton he dug out a nest of young wolves. He never left Sugar Creek township but continued to reside there until his death, when he was laid to rest in Sharon cemetery beside his father, mother

and daughter. Thus one by one the old pioneers have passed to the great beyond and all that are left of the Walton family in Cedar county are the widow and five children of James C. Walton, who live at or near the old home in Sugar Creek township.

LOWRY N. AYRES.

One of Cedar county's most public-spirited citizens is Lowry N. Ayres who from pioneer days has been prominently identified with the development and prosperity of this section of the state. He was born in Venango county, Pennsylvania, on the 2d of April, 1845, and is a son of David Ayres, whose birth occurred in York county, that state, on the 17th of July, 1821. His paternal grandparents were John and Rachel (Wonders) Ayers, who came west in 1854 and settled in Cedar county, Iowa, where they spent the remainder of their lives. In their family were the following children: David, the father of our subject; Mrs. Anna Wearham, deceased; Sebastian, also deceased; John, a resident of Bennett, Iowa; Mrs. Jane Wearham, deceased; Newton, of California; Mrs. Caroline Dice, of Wilton, Iowa; Mrs. Clementine Blizzard, of Malcom, Iowa; and Mrs. Leah Gano, of Cedar county.

David Ayres grew to manhood in his native state and in Venango county, Pennsylvania, was married May 5, 1840, to Miss Mary Ann Walter, whose birth occurred in that county, August 14, 1819. Her parents were John and Elizabeth (Walter) Walter, who spent their enitre lives in the Keystone state. Mr. and Mrs. Ayres continued to reside in Venango county until 1854, when they came to Cedar county, Iowa, with their five children, all of whom were born in Pennsylvania. Six others were added to the family after locating here and in order of birth they are as follows: Sheldon and Cobault, who died in Pennsylvania in boyhood; John, who died during the first year of their residence in Iowa at the age of fourteen; Lowry N., whose name heads this sketch; Elizabeth, the widow of Jonathan Ford and a resident of Sugar Creek township; Amanda, the wife of C. V. Kenneson of Nebraska; Henry Barkey of Wilton, Iowa; Peter, a resident of Inland township; Etta, the wife of William McCroskey, of Center township; Tabitha, who died in infancy; and Banes, who also died in infancy.

The father became one of the most extensive landowners in this section of the state, having about one thousand acres in four different townships. He continued to follow farming through life, making his home at Ayresville and taking a very active and prominent part in church work. He was instrumental in securing the first preacher who came to this locality from the east and organized the Meneca church. In politics he was first a whig and later a republican and always took a commendable interest in public affairs. After a useful and well spent life he passed away on the 15th of October, 1901. His widow still survives him and continues to make her home in Ayresville, where at the age of ninety-one years she is still living, enjoying excellent health, being able to make and take care of her own garden and mow her own lawn. Until about a

year ago she also kept and milked one cow, making all the butter for her own use. She is a woman of remarkable vitality and is loved and respected by all who know her.

Lowry N. Ayres was about nine years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal from his boyhood home in Pennsylvania to Cedar county, Iowa, the family locating in Ayresville, where he grew to manhood and made his home until 1900, when he removed to Wilton. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-three years of age and then commenced farming on his own account, continuing to follow that occupation until taking up his residence in Wilton. He was the owner of eighty acres of fine farming land on section 1, Sugar Creek township; also had eighty acres just across the road in Farmington township; and another eighty in Farmington township near Bennett. In addition to this property he still owns two hundred and forty acres of land in Inland township. In all he now has four hundred and eighty acres under cultivation and a tract of twenty acres of timber land in Center township. The village of Ayresville is located on the corner of four different townships, Center, Inland, Farmington and Sugar Creek, and the family has therefore been identified with the development of each of these.

In 1868 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Ayres and Miss Catharine Fulton, who was born in Ohio in 1849 and was about fifteen years of age when she accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fulton, on their removal to Cedar county. Six children blessed this union, namely: Perry, who lives on his father's farm in Sugar Creek township; Charles, who died at the age of four years; Frank, who died at the age of three years; Clarence, who died at the age of four years; Vera Bertha, now the wife of Dr. H. H. Johnson, a physician of Wilton; and Fay, at home. The mother of these children passed away on the 4th of July, 1907, and Mr. Ayres was again married March 24, 1910, his second union being with Miss Ella N. Duchen, a native of Cedar county, who successfully engaged in teaching in the public schools of Wilton for seventeen years, after her graduation from the schools there.

Since becoming a resident of Wilton, Mr. Ayres has taken quite a prominent and influential part in public affairs, serving as a member of the city council for three years and mayor of the city for two terms. Never were the affairs of the city government in more capable hands and he did all in his power to promote the interests of Wilton. During his administration many needed improvements were made and he never withheld his support from any enterprise which he believed would prove of public benefit. Prior to his removal to Wilton he served as trustee of Sugar Creek township for six years and was a member of the school board for a number of years. The republican party finds in him a stanch supporter of its principles, and he has always been an active church worker. At an early age he united with the Church of God and was superintendent of the Sunday school for a number of years and a trustee of Meneca church while residing on the farm, but since coming to Wilton has joined the Presbyterian church, with which he is now affiliated. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge at that place.

Mr. Ayres relates many interesting experiences of pioneer life and with the development of this region he has been prominently identified. Shortly after

the arrival of the family here his father drew a furrow from Durant to Ayresville as a line to mark the stage route between the former place and Tipton. This furrow extended about nine miles across the prairie where no fences had been built or roads laid out. To the plow were hitched two yoke of oxen and one horse. On this horse our subject rode while his father guided the plow. The road that they then laid out was used for several years until fences began to be built and the course was changed to the section lines. In those early days there were plenty of deer roaming across the prairie and country was decidedly wild and unimproved.

F. M. BAKER.

F. M. Baker owns and operates two hundred acres of land which is located on section 19, Rochester township, and formerly constituted the old homestead farm. This was also the place of his birth, which occurred October 13, 1864. The family was established in Cedar county at an early day by Martin Baker, who was the first preacher in Cedar county, belonging to the Christian denomination. He wedded Miss Katharine Simpson, and their union was blessed with three daughters and four sons, the latter being Nathaniel, William, John and Martin. Both Mr. and Mrs. Martin Baker died in this county.

John Baker, the father of our subject, was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, September 18, 1822, and was a lad of fourteen years when he was brought by his parents to Cedar county, the year 1836 witnessing their arrival in this state. He was reared to farm life and upon reaching years of maturity entered a tract of land on the northeast quarter of section 20, Rochester township. This he developed and improved and added to his possessions until he had two hundred acres. Like his father, he became a prominent citizen of this section of the state. He chose as a life companion Miss Sarah Elizabeth Howe, who was born in Lawrence county, Indiana, on the 18th of April, 1828. She came to Cedar county in 1842 with her parents, Nathan and Maria Matilda (Stark) Howe, both of whom were natives of New York. They spent the remainder of their lives in Rochester township, passing away here.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. John Baker were born ten children, namely: Jasper T., of California; Malissa, deceased; McNathan, a resident of South Dakota; Mrs. Matilda Duncan, now deceased; William, a resident of Muscatine, Iowa; John, who died at the age of five years; Mrs. Elizabeth Snider, of Muscatine; Mrs. Annie Artz, who lives in Moscow township, Muscatine county; F. M., of this review; and Mrs. Emma Heabner of Rochester township. The father died January 6, 1892, but the mother is still living and makes her home on the farm with her son F. M. She has now reached the advanced age of eighty-two years, having for sixty-eight years been identified with the interests of Cedar county, so that she can relate many interesting incidents of early times.

F. M. Baker was reared on the home farm and was trained in the work of the fields from his early youth. He now owns the homestead of two hundred acres and the improvements which are here found have all been made by him

self and his father. He is engaged in general farming and stock-raising and in his work follows the most practical and modern methods, so that each year his labors are rewarded by excellent results.

Mr. Baker chose as a companion and helpmate for the journey of life Miss Emma May Pratt, their wedding being celebrated in 1889. She was born in Rochester township, April 17, 1867, her parents, Joseph and Elizabeth (Minic) Pratt, who were natives of New Jersey and Virginia respectively, having come to Cedar county in 1866. The father died here in 1898, at the age of seventy-two years, but the mother still survives and makes her home in Wilton Junction. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Baker have been born four daughters and three sons: Pearl, the wife of Ralph Long, of Rochester township; Clarence C.; Grace J.; Ethel Marie; Joseph L.; Vera Elizabeth; and Frank D.

Mr. Baker is a Mason, belonging to the order at Rochester. He likewise belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen at Wilton and to the Grange at Prairie Bell. He has made good use of his opportunities, has prospered from year to year and at the same time has so conducted his business matters as to gain the full esteem and confidence of his fellowmen.

WILLIAM H. HANNA.

William H. Hanna, one of the enterprising and successful agriculturists of Sugar Creek township, living on section 22, was born in Center township, Cedar county, on the 22d of February, 1855. His parents were Washington McNeil and Mary Agnes (Walkup) Hanna, both of whom were natives of Greenbrier county, West Virginia, the former born December 30, 1822, and the latter on the 16th of November, 1829. They were married in their native state, February 13, 1850, and in November, 1851, came to Iowa, casting in their lot among the early settlers. The father entered land in Center township and began transforming the wild prairie into highly cultivated fields. It looked then, however, as if the prairies would never be settled; that the acreage was so vast; that enough people would never come to this region to claim and improve it. The deer ate the corn out of the cribs and there were various wild animals and much wild game to be found in the neighborhood. Mr. Hanna became the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of land and in addition to the cultivation of the cereals best adapted to soil and climate gave considerable attention to raising cattle and horses. He continued to make his home in Center township until his death, which occurred April 3, 1904. Mrs. Hanna died on the 4th of November, 1892, in Center township.

They reared a family of five children. Elizabeth Hamilton, the eldest, was born July 21, 1853, and became the wife of John F. Handley, who is now deceased, while his widow resides in Greenfield, Iowa. William H. is the second in order of birth. Marietta Caroline, born October 16, 1858, was married in November, 1883, to D. R. Alexander and now resides in Ivanhoe, Oklahoma. David W., born June 10, 1860, was married in December, 1883, to Carrie Gay, who is now deceased. He lives at Miller, South Dakota. Joseph Walkup, born

April 11, 1865, was married in October, 1906, to Jennie Courtney at Beaver City, Oklahoma, and they reside at Ivanhoe, that state.

William H. Hanna was reared on the old homestead and has spent his entire life in Cedar county. His boyhood experiences were those which usually fall to the lot of farm lads. He attended the district schools for the acquirement of his education. For one year he was a student at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, and in 1876 was graduated from Bryant & Stratton Business College at Davenport. For five terms he taught in the schools of Center township, this county. In the periods of vacation he worked in the fields and thus received practical training, which qualified him for the active duties of life which he assumed on attaining manhood. He has always devoted his life to farming and now operates one hundred and ninety-five acres of land, which belongs to his wife, she having inherited the same as her share of her father's estate.

It was on the 12th of February, 1879, that Mr. Hanna was united in marriage to Miss Laura F. Walton, who was born in her present home on the 27th of May, 1859, and is a daughter of James C. and Caroline Walton, of whom extended mention is made on another page of this volume. All who know Mr. and Mrs. Hanna—and they have an extensive circle of friends—speak of them in terms of high regard, for their upright lives have ever merited the good will and friendship of those with whom they have come in contact. Mrs. Hanna is a member of the Christian church.

SAMUEL A. WILSON.

For the past six years Samuel A. Wilson has been a resident of Mechanicsville and his attention has been given in considerable measure to buying and shipping stock, his business interests being carefully managed and successfully conducted. Previous to this time he made his home upon a farm which he still owns and which is conveniently located a half mile south of the village, in Pioneer township. It was in that township that Mr. Wilson first opened his eyes to the light of day, his birth occurring March 3, 1863. His father, William Wilson, was a native of Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and a son of Samuel Wilson, who cast in his lot with the early settlers of Cedar county, Iowa, in 1848. There were few men within its borders at that period and evidences of the former Indian occupancy were frequently seen. Considerable wild game was still to be found and some wild animals still occupied their former haunts. The land was just as it came from the hand of nature and the forest growth and the wild grasses remained untouched. To this favored region came William Wilson, who purchased land in Fremont township and developed a farm. Later he sold that property and bought a tract in Pioneer township, near Mechanicsville. He completed the house, which had already been begun, fenced his fields and cultivated his farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he made a valuable property. After rearing his family thereon he rented his land and removed to Mechanicsville, where he now resides at the advanced age of seventy-eight years. His wife, at the age of seventy-one years, is a well preserved lady and

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both are enjoying good health. Of their children three are yet living: Mary L., now the wife of Albert Johnson, of Mechanicsville; Emma, the wife of R. D. Welton, a farmer of Pioneer township; and Samuel A.

Upon the home farm near Mechanicsville Samuel A. Wilson spent his youthful days and the public schools afforded him his educational privileges. His knowledge, however, has been largely supplemented by reading, observation and experience, for in the school of life he has learned many valuable lessons. He remained with his father until after he had attained his majority and was married. It was on the 8th of March, 1888, that he wedded Miss Elizabeth Ethell, who was born and reared in Muskingum county, Ohio, a daughter of Thomas Ethell, who there reared his family and spent his last days.

Following his marriage Samuel A. Wilson settled on his farm south of Mechanicsville, rebuilt and remodeled the home there, put up a good barn and fenced his fields. In fact the work of improvement was carried on along modern and progressive lines and stock-raising and feeding formed an important feature of his business. He raised the largest and heaviest weight calf on record, the weight at twelve months being twelve hundred and ninety pounds. In 1904 he rented his land and removed to Mechanicsville, where he is now associated with Frank Leech in buying and shipping stock, conducting an extensive business. He also became one of the promoters and is one of the stockholders and directors of the Mechanicsville Savings Bank. He owns two residence properties in town and the prosperity which he enjoys is indicative of a life well spent in its devotion to practical and high ideals in business, his unfaltering labor and keen discernment winning him gratifying success.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wilson has been born a daughter, Dollie Mae, now a student in Coe College in Cedar Rapids. Mrs. Wilson is a member of the Presbyterian church of Mechanicsville and the various auxiliary societies, in the work of which she takes an active and helpful part. Mr. Wilson belongs to the Masonic fraternity and in his life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. Both he and his wife are connected with the Eastern Star. A democrat in his political views, he has served as a delegate to county and state conventions and his opinions carry weight in the local councils of the party. He has served on the town board and on the petit and grand juries and wherever the best interests of the community are involved he may be found as a stanch supporter of projects and measures for the general good. His friends find him a genial gentleman, never too busy to be cordial or too cordial to be busy.

VERNON C. WALTON.

Vernon C. Walton is the owner of Far View Stock Farm, one of the valuable properties of Cedar county, and is also a representative of the oldest family of this county. He was born July 19, 1869, near his present home in Sugar Creek township, a son of James C. and Caroline (Copeland) Walton. He has continuously resided in the same township and his entire life has been devoted to farming. In his youthful days he attended the district schools of the neigh-

borhood and through the periods of vacation he aided in the work of the fields until his practical training and wide experience well qualified him to take charge of a home of his own. He is now the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of rich and valuable land situated on sections 23 and 26, which constitutes a part of his father's estate of nine hundred acres. The dwelling upon the place was erected by his father, while the outbuildings have been built by the present owner. He carries on general farming and stock-raising. The farm is appropriately named from the fact that there is a fine view to be obtained from his home. One can see twenty miles over the country on a clear day, looking south over a beautiful stretch of prairie land with its well developed fields giving promise of abundant harvests. Everything about Far View Stock Farm is kept in excellent condition. The buildings are always in a state of good repair and all of the features of a model farm of the twentieth century are here to be found.

On the 19th of November, 1896, Mr. Walton was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Bell Jennings, who was born in Rochester township, Cedar county, May 9, 1877, a daughter of James and Almira Jennings, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Walton resided with her parents until her marriage, which has been blessed with three children: Carrie Caroline, Elizabeth Fern and Lonnie Vernon.

The parents are members of the Christian church of Lime City and Mr. Walton gives his political support to the republican party, the principles of which he earnestly advocates, believing that its platform contains the best elements of good government.

JAMES JENNINGS.

James Jennings, who was a prosperous and substantial citizen residing on section 29, Rochester township, claimed Ohio as his native state, his birth occurring in Montgomery county on the 29th of October, 1829. He was only three years old, however, when he removed to Tippecanoe county, Indiana, with his parents, Levi and Abigail (Corey) Jennings. They had two children who died when small and our subject is the only one of the family who lived to years of maturity. After residing in Indiana for some years, Levi Jennings brought his wife and child to Cedar county, Iowa, in 1852, and here the parents of our subject continued to make their home until death. The family located on the farm now owned and occupied by our subject.

On starting out in life for himself Mr. Jennings became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 29, Rochester township, but at his death, which occurred August 18, 1910, he owned two hundred and forty acres in the home place. This is a valuable and well improved property, having two sets of farm buildings upon it. He also owned another farm of two hundred and one-half acres in Rochester township; fifty acres of timber land on section 12 near Rock Village; and thirty-seven acres of timber on Cedar river, section 31, Rochester township, making a total of five hundred and twenty-seven acres in that township. He was ever a hard-working, energetic farmer until about

four years ago, when he was compelled to retire, owing to a stroke of paralysis. In business affairs he was always systematic, progressive and reliable and to these characteristics as well as to his industry may be attributed his success.

In 1850 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Jennings and Miss Almira Barnard, who was born in Washington county, Indiana, March 21, 1832, and continued a resident of that state up to the time of her marriage. She died here on the 18th of November, 1889. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Jennings are as follows: Melissa L., now the widow of George Adams, a resident of Rochester township; Sophrona, the wife of Gilpin Wilkinson of Iowa City, Iowa; Eunice A., the wife of Jeff Carney of Iowa township, this county; Helena, who is on the home farm; John Francis, a resident of Sugar Creek township; Minnie O., the wife of Charles Pieper of Iowa township; Arthur E., of Rochester township; and Elizabeth B., the wife of Vernon Walton of Sugar Creek township.

Mr. Jennings never let his business interests interfere with his religious duties and for over fifty years he served as a local preacher in the Christian church but retired from the ministry ten years ago. He also took a very active and commendable interest in public affairs, being identified with the greenback party in early life and later with the republican, but subsequently voted independent of party ties, supporting the men whom he believed best qualified to fill the office. For several terms he served as justice of the peace and his decisions were always pronounced without fear or favor. He was a prominent member of Rochester lodge, A. F. & A. M., and throughout all his life was identified with all progressive movements which he believed calculated to advance the interests of his fellowmen or promote the welfare of his adopted county and state.

ALBERT B. WALTON.

Albert B. Walton, carrying on general farming on section 36, Sugar Creek township, was born July 18, 1877, in the township which is still his home. He is a representative in the third generation of the oldest family in the county, his grandfather having been the first white settler within its borders. The work instituted by this worthy pioneer was continued by the father and is still being carried on by his son whose name introduces this review.

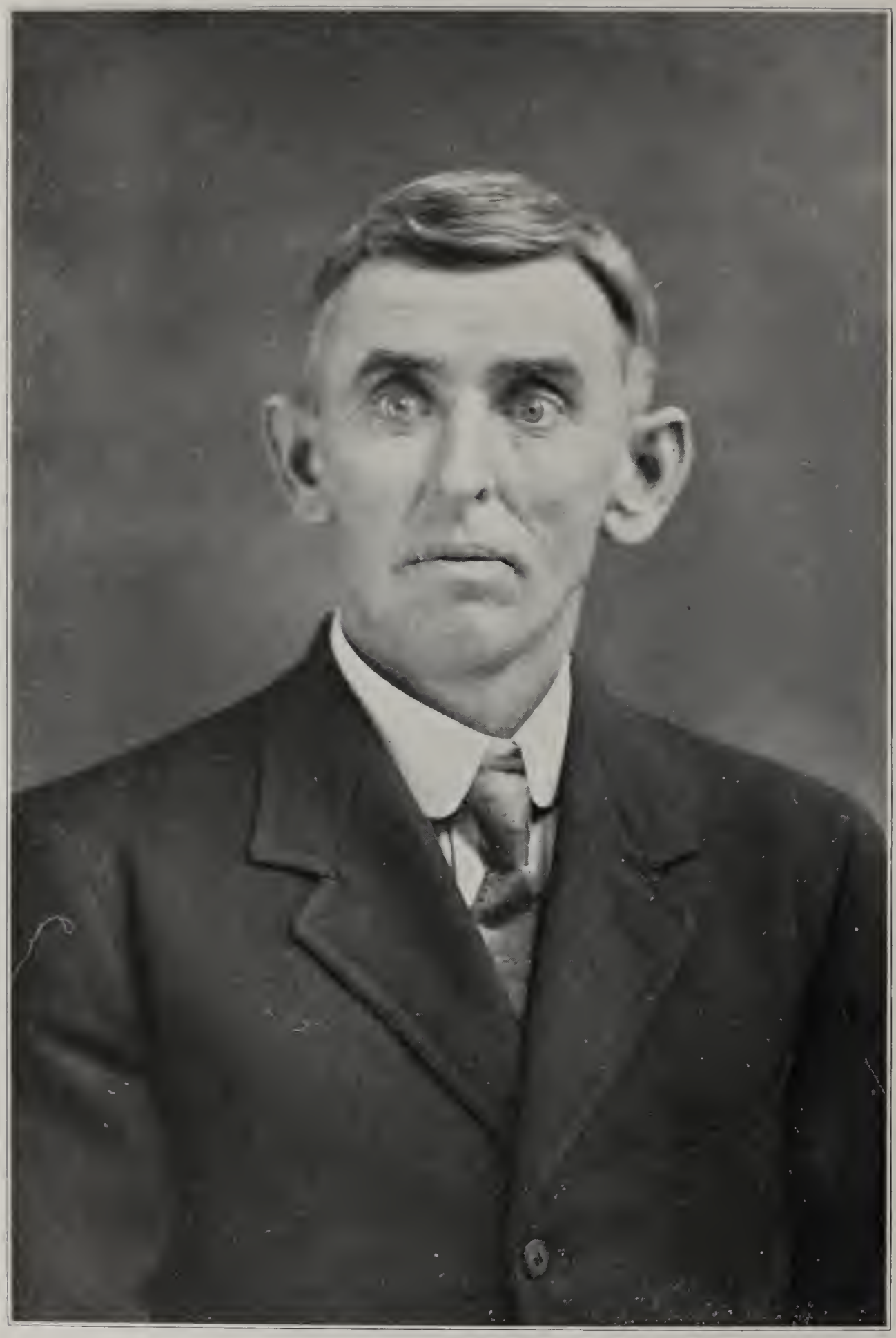
In his youthful days according to the course mapped out for him by his parents Albert B. Walton attended the public schools and performed such part of the farm work as his age and strength qualified him for. He continued to assist in the cultivation of the old homestead property until his marriage and then began farming on his own account on a part of his father's estate. He came to his present home in 1903, having here the northwest quarter of section 36, Sugar Creek township. It is a well improved property, his home being situated about two miles northwest of Wilton. The place is altogether an attractive one, equipped with modern conveniences and supplied with the latest improved machinery whereby the farm work is greatly facilitated.

In 1900 Mr. Walton was united in marriage to Miss Mattie Evans, who was born in Sugar Creek township, June 2, 1881, and is a daughter of John H. and Christiana Evans, residents of the same township. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Walton has been blessed with one child, Albert Volney. Both are well known in the community where they reside and have a large circle of warm friends who entertain for them a kindly regard. Recently Mr. Walton has built a fine residence of eight rooms upon his place, and in 1908 he built a barn fifty-five by seventy feet with sixteen foot posts, which was built of native lumber taken from his place and sawed by a portable mill. In all that he does he is actuated by a spirit of progress and thus keeps in touch with the trend of modern advancement in all of his work.

CHARLES S. NEBERGALL.

Charles S. Nebergall is the owner of Burr Oak Stock Farm, comprising five hundred acres, on which stands one of the finest and most modern country homes in Cedar county. It is situated on sections 28 and 33, Center township, and a portion just across the line in Rochester township. He dates his residence in Cedar county from 1862, for he was brought here when but a year old, his birth having occurred February 24, 1861, in Nicholas county, West Virginia. His parents, A. J. and Margaret (McCue) Nebergall, were likewise natives of West Virginia, whence they removed to Cedar county, Iowa, in 1862, the father establishing his home on a portion of the land which is now owned by our subject. For many years he was identified with the agricultural interests of this section of the state and became one of the county's most prominent and respected citizens. Unto him and his wife were born four children: J. W., who died on a farm adjoining that of his brother, in 1903, when he was forty-eight years of age; Malinda, who died when eighteen years old; Sarah E., who became the wife of William Dotson and died at the early age of twenty-two; and Charles S., of this review. The mother of this family died in 1871, at the comparatively early age of forty-five years. Mr. Nebergall later married Sarah Leverich, who is now deceased, and his death accurred at Wilton Junction in 1896, when he was sixty years of age. Thus passed away one of the early settlers of Cedar county.

Charles S. Nebergall, the youngest of the four children born of his father's first marriage, was but a year old when brought from the state of his nativity to Cedar county, so that he has practically been reared here. He attended the common schools and assisted in the work of the fields as soon as old enough and when starting out to make his own way in the world he chose as his work the occupation to which he had been reared. He now owns five hundred and twenty acres of as valuable land as can be found in this section of Iowa. Three hundred acres of this was formerly the old homestead property. Three hundred and sixty acres lies on sections 28 and 33, Center township, while the remaining one hundred and sixty acres is situated across the line in Rochester township. Mr. Nebergall devotes a portion of his time and attention to general farming but engages mostly in buying and feeding stock, keeping as high as five hundred head of cattle



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annually, and this branch of his business brings him a very gratifying return. In 1910 he erected a fine modern residence, containing twelve rooms, conveniently arranged and supplied with every convenience for the comfort of its inmates. There are also barns and outbuildings on the place to the number of thirty, the Burr Oak Stock Farm in itself presenting the appearance of a little village. He has a blacksmith shop on the farm, in which he does his own work in this line, and has a system of waterworks which supplies the entire place with water for stock and household purposes. He has a large tank which is kept filled by a wind pump and also has an engine which can be used to supply the water on the farm when the wind pump is out of commission. Method is apparent in the conduct of the farm, all fields being platted and arranged so that the best results may be obtained from the labor expended. The outbuildings and barns are all arranged with a view to convenience and on this model farm there is a place for everything and everything is kept in its place.

On October 12, 1882, occurred the marriage of Mr. Nebergall and Miss Martha Fulwider, who was born in Sugar Creek township, September 16, 1862, a daughter of Anthony and Margaret (Ridenour) Fulwider, who were early settlers of Cedar county, coming here from Ohio. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Nebergall has been blessed with three children: Roy A., who wedded Phoebe Ford, by whom he has two children, Mearl Everet and Florence Martha; Ivan W.; and Oscar E. All the children are still at home, the sons being enterprising young men and valuable assistants to their father.

In politics Mr. Nebergall is independent, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the United Brethren church at Lime City. The work instituted by the father in an early day is being continued by the son, who takes a deep interest in every movement calculated to benefit this section of the country or advance its wonderful development. His life has been one of continuous activity, and the name of Nebergall is a synonym for upright manhood and good citizenship in Center township.

JAMES K. FRYMOYER.

James K. Frymoyer, who is successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising on section 26, Sugar Creek township, claims Pennsylvania as his native state, his birth occurring in Snyder county on the 12th of August, 1860. His parents were Jacob and Julian (Klinger) Frymoyer, also natives of the Keystone state, the former born in Northumberland county, June 21, 1828, and the latter in Dauphin county on the 24th of February, 1823. His father was a tailor by trade and during his residence in Pennsylvania followed that occupation most of the time but after coming to Iowa turned his attention to farming. He died on the 17th of March, 1902, and his wife survived him two years, passing away March 19, 1904. This worthy couple were the parents of four children: Jennie, now the wife of A. F. Beard of Wilton; James K., whose name introduces this sketch; Mary, who died in infancy; and Alice, the deceased wife of Frank Smith.

James K. Frymoyer passed the first seventeen years of his life in the county of his nativity and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa, the family locating in Cedar county on the farm which has since been his home. It consists of eighty acres of very productive and valuable land on section 26, Sugar Creek township, and he has placed the same under a high state of cultivation and improved it by the erection of good and substantial buildings, including a fine large residence of ten rooms built in 1904. In 1909 he erected a barn, fifty-six by sixty-six feet in dimensions, with sixteen-foot posts. Everything about the place is kept in first class order and its neat and thrifty appearance plainly indicates that he understands the occupation which he has chosen as a life work. In connection with general farming he gives considerable attention to the raising of stock.

In 1897 Mr. Frymoyer was married to Miss Amanda Burris Armentrout, who was born in Sugar Creek township, August 2, 1867, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Long) Armentrout. Her mother now resides with Mr. and Mrs. Frymoyer, but her father died in 1907, in the eighty-fifth year of his age. Both parents were natives of Virginia and came to Cedar county, Iowa, in 1851, this being the home of the family ever since. Our subject and his wife have three children: Georgia Ray Burris, Margaret Lucile and James Curtis Wayne.

Mr. Frymoyer is an earnest and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Wilton and has ever taken an active part in its work, while he is now serving as trustee. His life has been such as to command the respect of all who know him, and he is regarded as one of the leading citizens of his community.

S. C. BAKER.

The farming interests of Cedar county have a worthy representative in S. C. Baker, who was born on his present farm on section 18, Rochester township, February 6, 1864, his parents being William and Belinda (Linsey) Baker. The birth of the father occurred in Pickaway county, Ohio, in 1819. He was one of the early settlers of Cedar county, where he located in 1835, and upon the land which he entered from the government in Rochester township he erected a cabin and prepared a home for his family, who arrived the following year. In 1836 he removed to the farm now occupied by our subject and throughout the greater part of his life was engaged in agricultural pursuits, though for about fourteen years he conducted a mercantile business in Rochester. Later he removed to Moscow, when the Rock Island Railroad was built through that place, and also spent two years in Tipton. He was twice married and by his first wife had two children, James P. and Welcome M. On the 20th of March, 1850, he wedded Miss Belinda Linsey, who was born in Middletown, Illinois, February 3, 1833, and died on the 8th of July, 1904. She had survived her husband for some years, for he passed away August 10, 1884. By this union there were four children: William, now a resident of Tipton; Ida May, the widow of L. T. Munn and a resident of Cedar Rapids; Ulysses S. Grant and S. C., twins, the

former a resident of Tipton. The father was one of the most prominent and influential representatives of the republican party in his community and was called upon to fill various township offices of honor and trust and also served as deputy sheriff of the county.

Upon the farm which he now occupies, S. C. Baker grew to manhood, early becoming familiar with the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He remained on the home place until 1890, when he rented his farm and removed to Tipton, where he was engaged in the livery business for about ten years. For some time after disposing of his property there he practically lived retired and about four years ago returned to the farm upon which he was born, owning two hundred and forty acres on section 18, which is a part of the old homestead, consisting of seven hundred and sixty acres. He has given to his place the name of Homestead Farm and has made many useful and valuable improvements upon it, so that it is particularly adapted for general farming and the breeding of stock, as he devotes considerable attention to the raising of shorthorn cattle.

Mr. Baker was married in 1892, the lady of his choice being Miss Nettie Atkinson, who was born in Illinois on the 24th of December, 1854, but was residing in Oskaloosa, Iowa, at the time of their marriage. She is a daughter of Ralph Atkinson. Three children blessed this union, namely: Roy, who died at the age of twelve years; and Gertrude and Genevieve, at home.

Mr. Baker is a member of the Prairie Bell Grange and is quite prominent fraternally, belonging to the Masonic lodge at Rochester, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias at Tipton. He stands high in the esteem of his professional brethren and wherever known is held in high regard. He is a worthy representative of one of the oldest and most prominent families of the county that for sixty-five years has been actively identified with its upbuilding and development.

CHARLES FRANKLIN PORT.

The agricultural interests of Sugar Creek township find in Charles Franklin Port a worthy representative and he now owns and operates a well improved and highly cultivated farm of one hundred and seventy acres on section 13, known as Eagle Forest Farm. A native of Cedar county, he was born in Rochester township on the 11th of November, 1856, and is a representative of an old and honored family, his parents being Nicholas and Catharine (Beach) Port, both natives of Darmstadt, Germany. They were born near the Rhine, the father February 20, 1811, and the mother February 1, 1817. Nicholas Port came alone to the United States and settled in Ohio, where he was married on the 15th of November, 1838, his wife having come to the United States with her parents in 1831. They made their home for some time in Richland county, Ohio, and in March, 1856, came to Iowa and settled on a farm in Rochester township, Cedar county, where our subject was born. Mr. Port made farming his life occupation. Prior to coming to this state he had gone to California dur-

ing the gold excitement there in 1850, traveling the entire distance from Ohio to the Pacific coast with an ox-team. He spent four years in the far west and returned by way of the isthmus of Panama to New York. He died in this county, March 20, 1883, and his wife passed away on the 27th of December, 1888.

They were the parents of the following children: Mary Ann, now the wife of William Kaiser of Wilton; Augustus, who enlisted from Cedar county in Company D, Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war and being taken ill, returned home, where he died on the 18th of June, 1862, at the age of twenty-one years; Charlotte, who married D. G. Agnew and died in August, 1881; Theodore, a resident of Wilton; Adolphus, who became a physician but is now deceased; Lavina, the deceased wife of William Lyle; Charles F., of this review; and Flora, who married J. B. Carl and died in 1882.

Charles F. Port was a lad of eight years when the family removed to the farm in Sugar Creek township, where he now resides and since old enough to be of any assistance has aided in the work of the fields. He is today one of the most progressive and up-to-date farmers of the locality and now owns a well improved place of one hundred and seventy acres that is under a high state of cultivation, including a twenty-acre tract of natural forest. The place has been named Eagle Forest because here our subject killed a large eagle, measuring three feet eight inches from its bill to its tail, and seven feet ten inches from tip to tip of wings. Although he has engaged in general farming he has made a specialty of stock-raising, breeding principally shorthorn cattle.

Mr. Port was married April 12, 1881, to Miss Delina Eleanor Barclay, who was born in Center township, Cedar county, on the 18th of February, 1860, a daughter of Thomas and Sarah Jane (Myers) Barclay. Her father was born in Pennsylvania, February 28, 1835, and now resides in Greenfield, Adair county, Iowa. Her mother departed this life in November, 1867, at the early age of twenty-eight years. Mrs. Port is the oldest of their five children, the others being: Joseph M., who lives near Wilton; Ora Etta, the wife of J. B. Kingery of Missouri; John M., of Sugar Creek township; and Thomas, who died in May, 1882.

Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Port, as follows: Ora Charlotte, now the wife of C. W. Norton of Phoenix, Arizona; Irwin Augustus, a physician living on Sixty-third street, Chicago, Illinois; Flavel Gibson, a resident of Sugar Creek township; Eva Idella, who is engaged in teaching school and lives at home; Irolene J., who was born February 16, 1888, and died January 1, 1909, being at that time a school teacher, having graduated from the Wilton high school; Olga Flell, who is also engaged in teaching school; Arebas Barclay, who died at the age of sixteen months; Florence Delina, who is attending high school; Erma Catharine, at home; and Nevin Franklin.

Since age conferred upon Mr. Port the right of franchise he has cast his ballot for the men and measures of the democratic party and has taken quite an active and commendable interest in public affairs, serving as township trustee for eighteen years and school director for twelve years. He has worked untiringly to secure better roads in his vicinity and as a public-spirited citizen never withholds his support from any worthy object which he believes will prove of

public benefit. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church of Sugar Creek and is now serving as elder. Fraternal he belongs to White Pigeon Lodge, No. 240, Mutual Brotherhood of America, at Wilton, and is also identified with the Grange.

J. W. ROCHHOLZ.

Among the prominent citizens and representative farmers of Sugar Creek township is J. W. Rochholz, whose home is on section 4. He is one of Cedar county's native sons, his birth occurring in Rochester township, on the 25th of October, 1858. His parents were J. W. and Anna (Wilt) Rochholz, natives of Kulmbach, Germany, where they were reared and married and where the father followed the trade of a stone-cutter and brick layer until his emigration to America in 1852. On landing in New York he proceeded to Philadelphia and from there came to Muscatine, Iowa. Deciding to settle in Rochester township, Cedar county, he made the trip here on foot, traveling a distance of fifty miles in that way, and purchased twenty acres of land. So successful was he in his farming operations that he at length became the owner of over two hundred acres of very fine farm land, never going in debt but paying for everything when he purchased it. He continued to reside in Rochester township until his death, which occurred when he was eighty years of age, and his wife died at the age of fifty-five years.

The children born to them were as follows: George, now a resident of Adair county, Iowa; Mrs. Maggie Sinclair, of Moline, Illinois; Mrs. Hattie Becker, of Muscatine, Iowa; Mrs. Barbara Cripliver, of Boone, Iowa; J. W., whose name introduces this sketch; August, a resident of Mason City, Iowa; Mrs. Emma Munn, of Muscatine; Mary, a resident of Macon City, Missouri; Mrs. Sarah Grimm, of Chicago; Mrs. Clara Edwards, of Cedar Rapids; and William P., of Center township, this county.

J. W. Rochholz of this review was reared and educated in much the usual manner of farm boys of the period and since attaining man's estate has devoted his attention largely to agricultural pursuits, but for about three years conducted a general store at Lime City in Sugar Creek township and also served as postmaster at that place for a time. Soon after his marriage he purchased a tract of eighty acres in Rochester township and was engaged in its operation for three years, after which he rented his farm and removed to Lime City, where he was engaged in merchandising for five years. During the following three years he followed farming near Iowa City in Johnson county and in 1893 purchased his present farm in Sugar Creek township, Cedar county, where he has since resided. His first purchase consisted of one hundred and sixty acres, but he has added to it a tract of one hundred and twenty acres, making in all two hundred and eighty acres, of which two hundred acres are on section 4, Sugar Creek township, and the remainder on section 9. He now follows general farming and stock-raising and has a well improved and highly cultivated farm, whose neat and thrifty appearance plainly indicates his progressive methods

and shows that he thoroughly understands the occupation which he is now following.

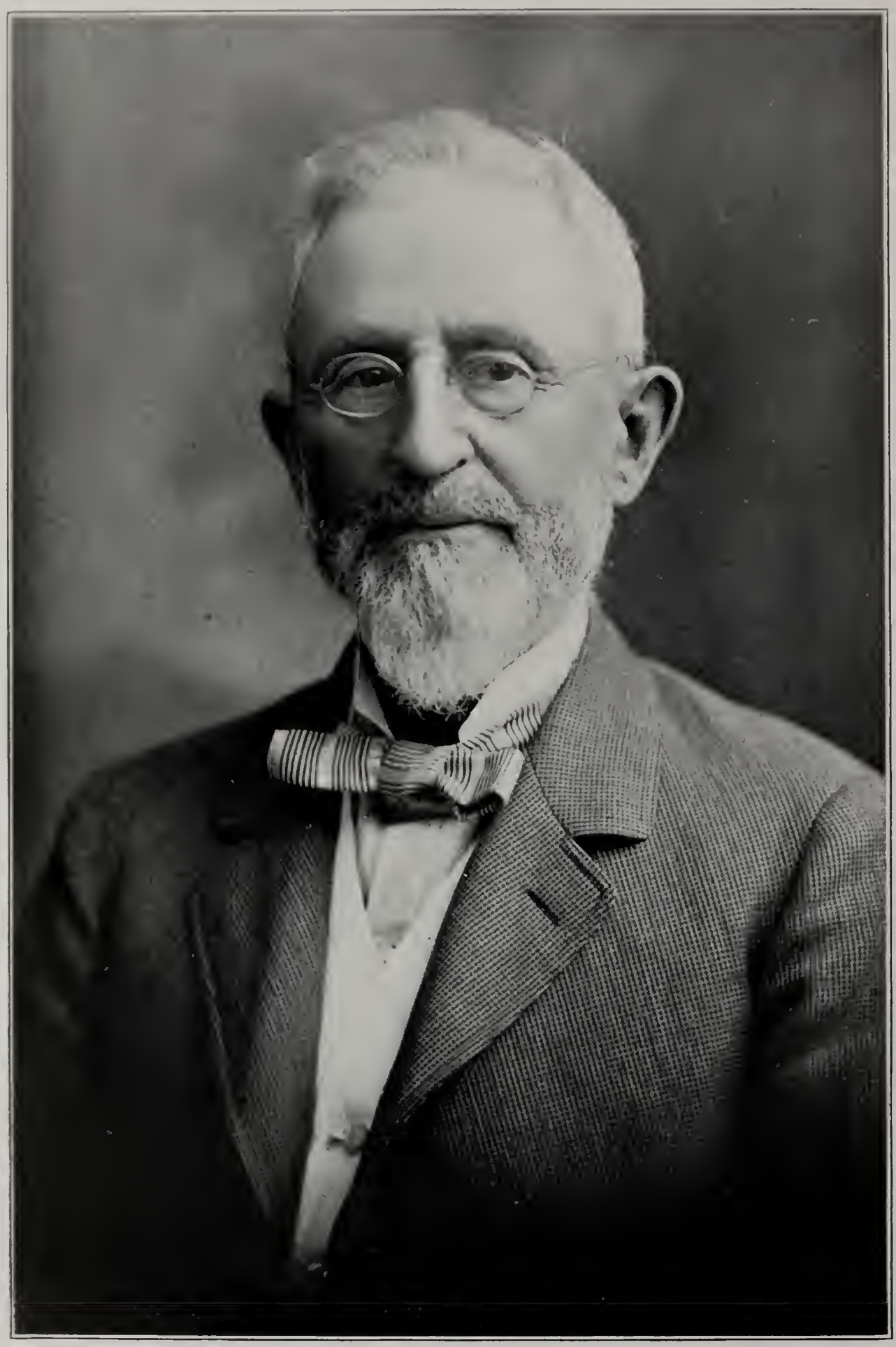
Mr. Rochholz was married on the 4th of March, 1881, to Miss Wilmina Fulwider, who was born in Sugar Creek township, February 15, 1864, a daughter of Anthony Fulwider, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. This union has been blessed by five children, namely: B. F., who is now operating his father's eighty-acre farm in Sugar Creek township; H. W., who lives on the home place but in another house that has been erected thereon; Amy, the wife of George W. McCroskey, of Rochester township; Mattie, the wife of Otis Barkhurst, of the same township; and Grace, at home. The parents hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of South Bethel and the family is one of prominence in the community where they reside.

HERMAN G. COE.

Herman G. Coe was for years classed with the prosperous farmers and wide-awake business men of Fairfield township, where he owned eleven hundred acres of land. He now makes his home in Clarence in the enjoyment of a well earned rest. He has lived in Cedar county since June, 1853, and has therefore witnessed the wonderful transformation that has been wrought, converting the wild prairie and timber land into valuable farming property. He has now passed the eighty-fourth milestone on life's journey, his birth having occurred in Yates county, New York, January 7, 1826. His father, Hon. Matthew M. Coe, was a native of Rockland county, New York, where he was reared. In 1814 he became a resident of Yates county, and in 1832 removed to Ohio, settling in Sandusky county, where he became a leading and well known farmer. He also figured prominently in the public life of the community and was elected and served for three terms as a member of the Ohio general assembly.

Herman G. Coe was reared to manhood in Sandusky county, Ohio, and supplemented his education, acquired in the public schools, by a term's attendance at Norwalk Academy and Republic Academy. Later he engaged in teaching for two terms and early in his business career he was employed as a clerk in a store in Republic for several years. In these ways he received a good practical business training and was thus well qualified for the more onerous and important duties that devolved upon him later in his business career.

Mr. Coe was married in Republic on the 1st of June, 1852, to Miss Katie McClung, who was born in Ontario county, New York, but was reared in Ohio, to which state she removed in 1833. The year following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Coe came to Iowa, making their way direct to Tipton. Soon afterward he purchased land near Tipton and they lived upon the farm for three years, during which period he built a house and barn. Later he sold that place and bought eight hundred acres of raw prairie land in Fairfield township, his property altogether embracing twelve hundred acres. All this he broke, fenced and improved, putting substantial buildings upon the place. He resided there for nine years, on the expiration of which period he removed to Clarence, but



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continued to give personal supervision to his farming interests. He became a stockholder in the Clarence Savings Bank, serving as president for some years, and is still one of its directors. He has thus figured prominently in local financial circles as well as in association with farming interests.

While Mr. Coe's business interests have become extensive and of a most important character, demanding much of his time and attention, he has yet found opportunity to cooperate in many measures for the public good. For thirteen years he served as a director of the Clarence independent school district and his labors constituted an effective element in the interests of public education. His family were advocates of the democracy, but Mr. Coe has always been a supporter of the republican party, casting his vote for Fremont in 1856 and for each presidential nominee since that time. He helped organize Fairfield township, served as a member of the county board of supervisors for six years and for one year acted as president of the board. He has also been a delegate to county and state conventions and does all in his power to further the political principles in which he believes.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Coe have been born five children: Upton G., who died in Tipton at the age of six years; Clara, who became the wife of Sullivan Enlow, a lawyer, but both are now deceased; Isabelle, the deceased wife of the Rev. Dobson, a minister of the Presbyterian church; Victor G., a lawyer, practicing in Clinton, Iowa, and Dr. Pliny W. Coe, a physician, residing at State Center, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Coe are members of the Presbyterian church at Clarence and contribute liberally to its support. They have traveled quite extensively in this country, both in the east and in the west, making numerous trips. They are especially well acquainted with Iowa and Mr. Coe can name the county seat of every county in this state and also in Ohio and New York. He possesses a most retentive memory and, although he is now eighty-four years of age, keeps in close touch with the questions and issues of the day. He has been a resident of the county for fifty-seven years and has ever been regarded as an active and useful citizen. He has a wide acquaintance in Cedar and adjoining counties and is a man of tried integrity and worth, he and his estimable wife being held in the highest regard by all who know them. He has passed far on life's journey and can look back without regret, so honorable and straightforward has been his record.

DAVID W. WALTON.

High on the list of Iowa's pioneers appears the name of David W. Walton, for he was the first white settler in Cedar county, arriving here in the year 1835. He was born in New Jersey in 1789 and was a son of William and Ursula (Compton) Walton, natives of England. His youthful days were spent in New Jersey and in early manhood he learned and followed the blacksmith's trade. Having arrived at years of maturity he wedded Miss Mary Parker of Cross Keys, New Jersey, near Trenton, and soon after their marriage they re-

moved to Jackson county, Ohio, where Mr. Walton engaged in the milling business. He remained in that county for a few years, after which he took his family to Tippecanoe county, Indiana, where he remained for several years. He was there residing when he heard of the fertility of the Black Hawk Purchase and determined to ascertain the truth of the statement by personal investigation. Accordingly in the summer of 1835, accompanied by his son George, who was then nineteen years of age, he came to Iowa to assist his son-in-law and daughter, John and Eliza Miller, in their removal to what is now Muscatine county. Traveling over a considerable portion of the state, Mr. Walton determined to locate in Cedar county and chose a tract of land near a small stream, to which he gave the name of Sugar creek because of some sugar maples which he discovered upon its banks, two or three miles south of the place that he had determined to make his home. He staked out two claims on what is now the south half of section 15, township 79, range 2, and there erected a log cabin which became the pioneer home of the family in a district hitherto unoccupied by a white man. He at once began working the prairie that he might plant crops and thus provide for his family. Continuing his explorations in this part of the state, he named not only Sugar creek, but also Otter creek, Mud, Crooked and Elkhorn creeks, Burr Oak and Coon Groves. For a time he worked for Levi Thornton in a blacksmith shop on what is now the Muscatine slough. This was in 1835.

Mr. Walton remained in Iowa until late in the fall of that year, after which he returned to Indiana to spend the winter. In the spring of 1836 he again came to this state, accompanied by his wife, five sons and two daughters. They were amply provided with all the necessaries for frontier life, including an excellent breaking team of four yoke of strong and heavy cattle, together with hogs, cows, horses, dogs and cats. They crossed the Mississippi river at Rockingham on the 1st of May and soon arrived at the place which Mr. Walton had selected as his future home. Then began his actual and permanent settlement on the 10th of May, 1836, entitling him to the honor of being the first settler of Cedar county, while to Mrs. Walton belongs the credit of cooking the first meal ever prepared by a white woman in the county. During the season of 1836 the father and sons put under cultivation one hundred acres of land. The ground, which was broken in 1835, was planted in corn, also other ground was plowed immediately after their arrival and sowed to spring wheat, so that to the Waltons is due the credit of preparing the ground, planting, sowing and harvesting the first crops grown in Cedar county.

Mr. Walton is an excellent specimen of the hardy western pioneer, outspoken in his language but honest and straightforward in all his dealings. He therefore won the esteem and confidence of all who knew him. He was an ardent whig and was elected by that party in the contest of 1841 to the office of probate judge. He was frequently addressed by the title of colonel, to which he was entitled from the fact that he was appointed to the command of a regiment in the territorial militia in 1848 by Governor Dodge of the Wisconsin territory, of which Iowa then formed a part.

Mr. Walton resided in Cedar county for a number of years and worked at his trade of blacksmithing in connection with farming. In the winter of 1850 he took a trip on the Mississippi to hunt and trap and on his return by boat

became afflicted with the dread disease cholera which was then prevalent and passed away just as his boat anchored at Muscatine on the 1st of May, 1850. His boat and effects were brought to his home and his grave was made in Sharon cemetery near the old claim which he had secured fifteen years before. His wife survived him until March, 1865, and was then laid to rest by his side.

Although none of his children are yet living in this county, some of his grandchildren are here found. His son, George Walton, sold his farm in Farmington township and with his family went to live in Texas, where he died in 1895. Another son, David, owned a large tract of land in Farmington township, which he sold in 1884, and then removed with his family to the vicinity of Miller, South Dakota, where he passed away in February, 1908. William Walton, another son, went to Montana and died in the Bitter Root valley several years ago. John Walton left this county at an early day and died in New Orleans. Mrs. Mary Alkire, the eldest daughter, came to Iowa a few years after the family had settled here and took up her abode in Wayne county, where she passed away. Mrs. Eliza Miller, another daughter, was an old settler of Muscatine county and after living there for a number of years sold her farm and spent her remaining days in Union county. Mrs. Catherine Miller, the third daughter, lived in Sugar Creek township for a long period but spent her last years in Maquoketa, Iowa, her remains, however, being interred in Sharon cemetery near her old home. James C. Walton, the youngest of the family, lived continuously in Sugar Creek township for seventy-two years and passed away June 22, 1908, at the age of seventy-eight years. Such is the history of the oldest family of Cedar county.

JOHN S. HEABNER.

In the cultivation of the rich soil of Cedar county, J. S. Heabner finds scope for his activities, the result of his labors being seen in the valuable farming property which he owns in Rochester township. He was born in Moscow township, Muscatine county, May 3, 1868, a son of John S. and Margaret (Daefler) Heabner, both natives of Germany, whence they were brought to America in their childhood. The father followed farming throughout his life and at the time of his death owned five hundred acres of land in this state. The mother now resides on the home farm in Muscatine county with her children. By her marriage she became the mother of eight children: Annie, the wife of Adolph Kirchoffer, a resident of Missouri; George W., who resides in Wilton, Iowa; Kate, at home; John S., of this review; Henry, a resident of Moscow township, Muscatine county; and Frank, Lydia and William, all at home.

John S. Heabner, Jr., was reared and educated in the county of his nativity, there remaining to the age of twenty years. At that period in his life he came to Cedar county and has remained within its borders to the present time. He now owns eighty acres of land on section 32, Rochester township, which formerly belonged to his father, another sixty-nine acres located on the banks of the Cedar river, of which forty-five acres is tillable, while the remainder is timber land, and he also owns some timber land on section 25, having altogether about

one hundred and thirty-five acres of land. He is progressive and enterprising in his work and is meeting with gratifying success.

Mr. Heabner was married in 1890 to Miss Emma J. Baker, who was born on the 12th of June, 1870, in Rochester township, a daughter of John and Sarah Elizabeth (Howe) Baker, the former born in Pickaway county, Ohio, September 18, 1822, and the latter in Lawrence county, Indiana, April 18, 1828. They were successful farming people of Cedar county, the father here passing away January 6, 1892, when seventy years of age. The mother still survives and at the age of eighty-six years is making her home with her son F. M. Baker in Cedar county. In connection with his sketch on another page of this work full mention of the Baker family is made.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Heabner have been born two sons, Elwood and Merle. Mr. Heabner is a Mason, belonging to the lodge at Rochester, and he also belongs to the Knights of Pythias order in Wilton. He is methodical in the conduct of his business affairs, and all with whom he comes in contact have for him warm esteem and regard.

GUY M. LANGLEY.

Guy M. Langley, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits on section 14, Sugar Creek township, is a native of New York, born on the 9th of March, 1870, in Rose, Wayne county. There his parents, Samuel and Maggie (Brisbane) Langley, have spent their entire lives. The father was engaged in farming until his retirement from active labor. Their family consisted of three children, of whom Guy M. is the oldest, the others being Eugene, now a resident of Rochester, New York, and Lillian, the wife of Earl Barnes of North Rose, New York.

In the city of his nativity Guy M. Langley passed his minority, there receiving a good practical education and early acquiring an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits. In 1893 he came west and, after spending some time at the World's Fair in Chicago, proceeded to Cedar county, Iowa, where he has since made his home. He has made farming his life occupation and is today operating a tract of eighty acres on section 14, Sugar Creek township, which is a part of his father-in-law's estate. He has met with success in the cultivation of the soil and is a progressive and up-to-date farmer.

In 1895 Mr. Langley was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Rorick, who was born on the 29th of September, 1861, and by her marriage has become the mother of five children, namely: Mabel, William, Frank, Edith and Irwin. William Rorick, the father of Mrs. Langley, was born in Hanover, Germany, December 25, 1818, but at an early age crossed the Atlantic and became a resident of Ohio in 1837. Five years later he was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Wise, who, after a short married life, died leaving two small children. In the spring of 1851, in company with his children, he came to Iowa and was here married June 20, 1852, to Miss Julia Pirkey, who passed away on the 14th of July, 1892. He survived her about three years and died April 9, 1895, at the

age of seventy-six years, three months and fourteen days. His children were: Lucinda, the wife of William Allen of Jefferson, Iowa; John, a resident of Iowa City; James, of Inland township, Cedar county; William, who was residing on the old homestead in Sugar Creek township at the time of his death, which occurred October 7, 1909; and Mary E., now Mrs. Langley. Mr. Rorick became one of the prosperous farmers of his locality, owning at the time of his death four hundred acres of fine farming land on sections 10, 11 and 14, a portion of which he had entered from the government. He was a man of exemplary habits and was an earnest Christian. At the age of fourteen years he united with the Lutheran church but soon after coming to Iowa joined the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he continued a member throughout the remainder of his life. He took an active part in all church work and was a man honored and esteemed wherever known.

W. J. LEECH.

W. J. Leech is a prosperous farmer and representative citizen whose home, known as Meadow Brook Farm, is located on section 28. He was born upon that place the 30th of September, 1874, his parents being James Harvey and Mary E. (Evans) Leech. The birth of the father occurred in Rockbridge county, Virginia, but at an early day he came to Iowa and entered land in Cedar county, where he continued to make his home, his time and attention being given to agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in September, 1878, when he was sixty-one years of age. He was twice married, his first wife being Mary (McCrosky) Leech, by whom he had five children, four daughters and one son, but only two daughters are now living. For his second wife he wedded Mary E. Evans, a native of Sugar Creek township, who is now living in Wilton. Unto them were born three sons, namely: John B., of Sioux City, Iowa; James H., who had just graduated from the Northern Indiana Normal College at Valparaiso when his death occurred; and W. J., of this review.

The last named has spent his entire life upon the old homestead and has always engaged in farming, being now the owner of two hundred and ten acres of highly cultivated and well improved land on section 28. One hundred and thirty acres of this constitutes the home place. He received twenty-nine acres from his father and purchased the remaining one hundred and eighty-one acres, for he has met with success in his farming operations and is today one of the well-to-do and substantial citizens of his community. All of the improvements upon the farm have been placed there either by himself or his father, and his place is one of the most attractive in the locality. General farming and stock-raising have always claimed his attention, and he is today making a specialty of the breeding of Percheron horses.

Mr. Leech was married in 1900 to Miss Etta Weaver, also a native of Cedar county, born in Sugar Creek township in 1878 and a daughter of John and Margaret (Kiser) Weaver. Her mother is now deceased but her father is still

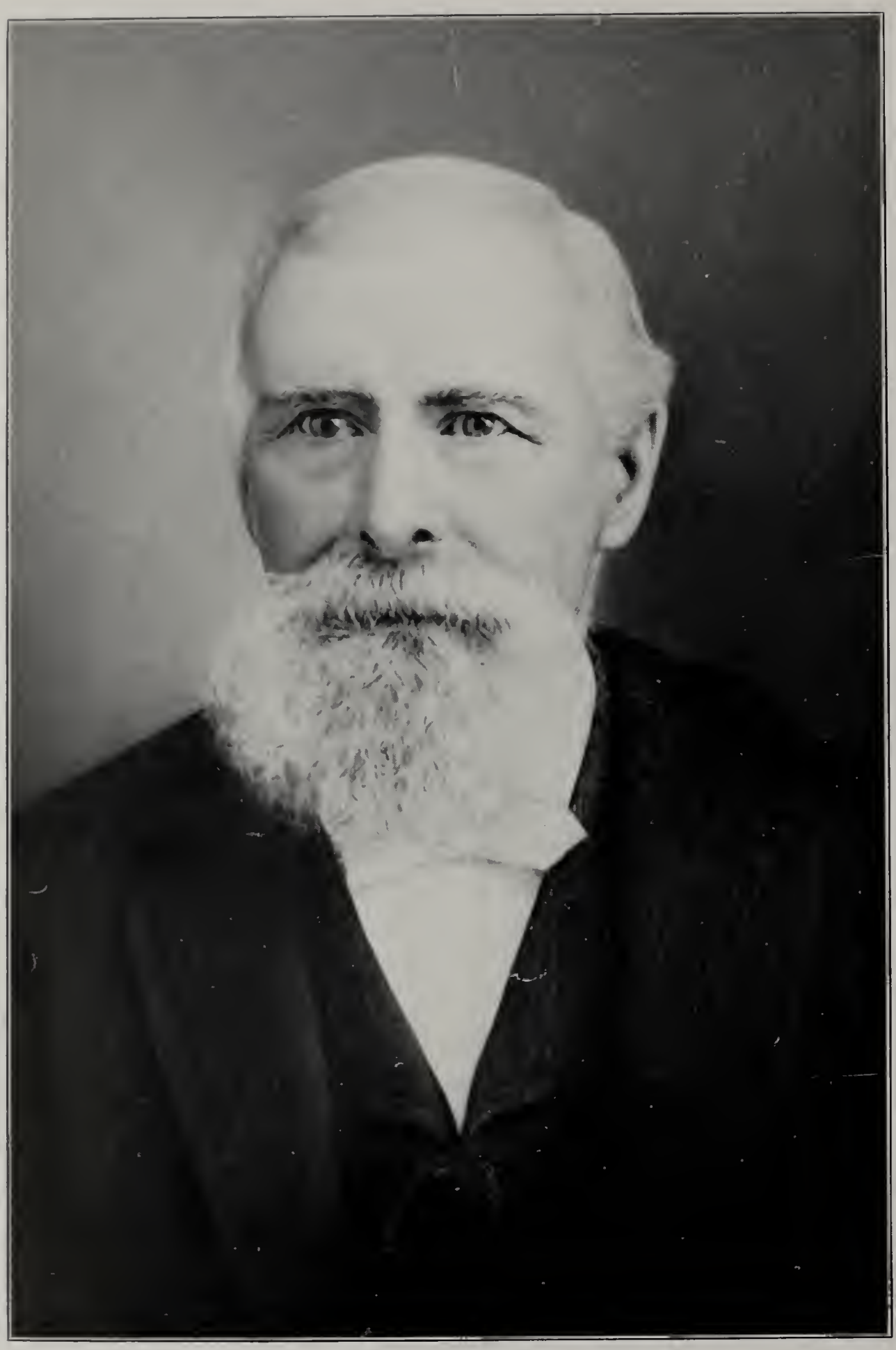
living and makes his home in Wilton. The children born to our subject and wife are Herbert R., John Harvey and Charles Hilbert.

Mr. Leech takes quite an active interest in fraternal organizations and is today a prominent member of the Prairie Bell Grange, of which he has served as master. He also belongs to Wilton Lodge, No. 167, A. F. & A. M., and to Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M., of Muscatine, Iowa. His political support is ever given the men and measures of the republican party and although he has never cared for office, he takes an interest in public affairs and is regarded as one of the leading and public-spirited citizens of his community. His father served as the first judge of Cedar county, being appointed to that position before the day of the district judge. The family has always been one of prominence in the community.

HARRY S. AND WILLIAM L. SMITH.

Harry S. and William L. Smith, proprietors of the Sunnyside Farm, located on section 4, Red Oak township, are well known as progressive and enterprising agriculturists of Cedar county. Their father, James Smith, was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, on the 7th of November, 1825, and on his emigration to America, in 1852, came direct to Cedar county, Iowa, where soon after his arrival he purchased the farm now owned and occupied by his sons. Upon this place he continued to reside until called to his final rest April 26, 1901. He was the only one of his family to come to the new world but here he prospered and never regretted his determination to locate in America. Throughout his active business life he continued to engage in agricultural pursuits, first buying eighty acres of land, to which he added as he found opportunity until he became the possessor of three hundred acres on section 4, Red Oak township, and twenty acres of timber land on section 10. He had to break his land and place it under cultivation, and all the buildings were erected by him. For about two years he engaged in breaking land for others and put under cultivation six hundred acres near Clarence, Iowa.

It was on the 2d of May, 1855, that James Smith was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Lindsay, who was also born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, on the 11th of October, 1832, and came to the United States on the 1st of May, 1844. She made the voyage in the sailing vessel Niagara, which was six weeks in making the trip from Glasgow to New York, and it was seven weeks later before she arrived in Iowa. After the death of her husband she went to Minneapolis, Minnesota, to make her home with a daughter and died in that state on the 30th of September, 1905. She was the mother of the following children: Susie E., now the widow of Frank B. Dickey and a resident of Mechanicsville; Matie B., the wife of H. P. Thomas of Cedar Rapids; Hattie H., who is engaged in teaching school at Minneapolis; William L., residing on the home place; Anna M., also of Minneapolis; and Harry S. The father was a stanch supporter of the republican party and filled the office of justice of the peace for many years. He also served as secretary of the school board of Red Oak township for thirty-seven



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years and took a very active and commendable interest in public affairs. He was a consistent and prominent member of the Presbyterian church of Mechanicsville, in which he held the office of elder for twenty years.

William L. Smith was born April 25, 1866, on the farm where he now resides. After attending the public schools of that locality he turned his attention to farming and has continued to follow that occupation throughout his active business career. Harry S. Smith was also born on the old homestead March 21, 1871, and on attaining manhood formed a partnership with his brother, which connection has since continued. They are wide-awake, energetic business men and their farming operations have proved profitable. On the 12th of August, 1902, Harry S. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Adda M. Wasser, who was born in Fairfield township, this county, on the 28th of November, 1878, a daughter of J. S. and Sarah Alice Wasser. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1850, and during his youth came with his parents to this county, where he grew to manhood and was married. About nine years ago he removed to California, where he now resides but his wife, who was born in Cedar county, died September 26, 1891, at the age of thirty-six years, two months and eleven days. She was a daughter of Nicholas and Nancy Ann (Fillon) Kaiser, early settlers of this county from Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith have two children, Donald W. and Kenneth L.

Besides the old homestead, the Smith brothers now own and operate a quarter section of land near Garden City, Kansas. They are very sociable and hospitable people, and their home is the favorite resort of many friends. Politically they are both identified with the republican party and William L. Smith has taken a very prominent and influential part in public affairs, serving as township clerk for two terms of two years each and assessor for the same length of time. He is now secretary of the township school board, which office he has filled for seven years, and the secretary's books have been in possession of the family for about forty-five years, as his father held the same position before him. With the development and improvement of Red Oak township the Smith family has now been identified for over half a century and the position they occupy is one of prominence.

JAMES P. WALTON.

The life record of James P. Walton is a credit to the history of a family that has long figured conspicuously and honorably in connection with the agricultural development of Cedar county. He was born in Sugar Creek township on the 22d of June, 1861, and was second in a family of six children whose parents were James C. and Caroline (Copeland) Walton. The father, now deceased, was a son of the first white settler of the county. The mother is still living and makes her home with her children.

The associations of boyhood as well as of manhood have brought James P. Walton into close connection with the interests of Sugar Creek township, for he has always resided within its borders. Here he enjoyed the sports in which youths of the period indulged, and in the public schools he acquired a knowledge

that fitted him for life's practical duties. He was also trained in the work of the home farm and continued with his father until his marriage, when he started out in life on his own account. In the second year after his marriage he came to his present home, which is an excellent tract of land of two hundred and forty acres on sections 24 and 25—originally a part of his father's estate. It is known as Elm Grove Farm, so named because of a grove of trees, mostly elm, that is near the house. The home commands a fine view of the surrounding country and, looking to the south, one is able to see for a distance of twenty miles. The place is situated on the Iowa City and Davenport state road, which was the old stage route. Here Mr. Walton carries on general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of Percheron horses, of which he has about thirty head, all of high grade. He is also engaged quite extensively in raising hogs and his live-stock interests are an important and profitable feature of his business. He has just completed a beautiful fourteen-room modern dwelling, has good outbuildings upon his place, and his well improved property is indicative of his progressive spirit, for all of the buildings are new and have been erected by him.

In 1888 Mr. Walton was united in marriage to Miss Clara Port, who was born in Sugar Creek township in 1868 and is a daughter of Theodore and Susannah (Doerr) Port. They are an old Cedar county family, having come here in the '50s, and they now reside in Wilton. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Walton have been born seven children: Clarence P., Harry C., Vernon C., Franklin T., George D., William P. and James E., who are all at home. In his business affairs Mr. Walton manifests a determined spirit that brings success where a man of less resolute spirit would fail. He watches carefully every detail of the business and as the years pass by is making substantial and gratifying progress. In politics he is a republican and has served as commissioner of his township for some years.

FRED WALTER.

Fred Walter, a successful and prosperous farmer residing on section 33, Sugar Creek township, was born on the 25th of March, 1854, in Berne, Switzerland, in which country his parents, Jacob and Barbara (Egley) Walter, spent their entire lives. Surrounded by the beautiful Alps he grew to manhood and was given good educational advantages. At the age of eighteen years he emigrated to the United States and came direct to Cedar county, Iowa, with his uncle, Ludwig Egley, who lived in Sugar Creek township. The latter had returned to his native land on a visit and on again coming to America had brought our subject with him, and he has since made his home in Sugar Creek township. For fourteen years he was in the employ of his uncle and on Mr. Egley's death was willed eighty acres of land where he now resides. He has since purchased another eighty-acre tract on section 34 of the same township and to the improvement and cultivation of his property he now devotes his entire time and attention with most excellent results, for he is a progressive farmer and thoroughly understands the occupation in which he is engaged.

In 1887 Mr. Walter was united in marriage to Miss Maria Louisa Kirchhofer, a native of Cedar county, who died in 1889 leaving one child, Lulu, now the wife of Henry Grunder, living on a farm belonging to our subject. Mr. Walter was again married in 1890, his second union being with Mary Maurer, who was born in Muscatine county, Iowa, and by her marriage has become the mother of two children, Lilly M. and Fred Edward.

Mr. Walter is the second in order of birth in a family of six children but is the only one of the number to come to the United States. He has never regretted his emigration to this country, however, for he has found excellent opportunities for advancement and is today one of the well-to-do citizens of his community. He is the owner of a well improved and valuable farm and stands high in the community as one of its representative and prominent citizens. He holds membership in the Lutheran church at Wilton, to which his wife also belongs, and she is connected with the Royal Neighbors, while he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

HENRY WILKENING.

Henry Wilkening, a well known and successful farmer and stock-raiser of Springfield township, is the owner of a productive tract of land comprising two hundred acres, which has been in his possession for the past three decades. His birth occurred in Hanover, Germany, on the 21st of May, 1854, his parents being Conrad and Sophia (Emme) Wilkening, who spent their entire lives in that country. The father was a butcher by trade.

Henry Wilkening obtained his education in the schools of his native land and there made his home until a youth of eighteen. In 1872, wishing to test the truth of the many favorable reports which he had heard concerning the opportunities of the new world, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, coming direct to Cedar county, Iowa. Here he worked as a farm hand for eight years, when, having carefully hoarded his earnings, he was enabled to buy land of his own, coming into possession of his present farm of two hundred acres in Springfield township. On this place he has carried on his agricultural interests continuously since, raising high grade stock in addition to cultivating cereals and making a specialty of shorthorn cattle. He erected a substantial barn and good outbuildings and has brought his fields under a high state of cultivation. Alert, energetic and enterprising, he has won success in his undertakings and has long been numbered among the representative and respected citizens of his community.

On the 6th of March, 1880, Mr. Wilkening was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Miller, a daughter of Louis and Dora (White) Miller, both of whom are deceased. Unto our subject and his wife were born four sons and a daughter, as follows: Julius, whose birth occurred on the 22d of January, 1882; Edward, whose natal day was September 13, 1886; Martha, born June 5, 1888, who gave her hand in marriage to George Miller, of this county; Paul, whose birth occurred on the 16th of January, 1891; and Hugo, who was born January 14,

1893. All are still at home with the exception of Martha. The wife and mother was called to her final rest on the 1st of March, 1893, her demise being the occasion of deep and widespread regret.

Mr. Wilkening is a stanch republican in politics but has had neither time nor inclination for public office. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Evangelical church at Lowden. While he still maintains a love for the land of his birth, his interest centers in the United States and he is in hearty sympathy with its institutions, its purposes and its governmental policy.

WILLIAM COUTTS.

On the roll of Tipton's honored dead appears the name of William Coutts, a man whose capability and strong determination enabled him to work his way steadily upward until he became one of the leading agriculturists and extensive land owners of Cedar county. A native of Aberdeen, Scotland, he was born about the year 1810 and resided in that country until after he had attained his majority, spending his youthful days upon a farm. It was about 1834 that he crossed the Atlantic to America, believing that he might have better opportunities in the new world. Making his way to Ohio, he there remained for three years, during which time he worked as a laborer.

On the 12th of April, 1837, he arrived in Cedar county, Iowa, walking the entire distance from Ohio in company with John Chappell. They made their way to the Scotch settlement of Red Oak, there being only three or four families at the grove at that time. In fact it seemed that the seeds of civilization had scarcely been planted in this portion of the state. He took an active part in the early development and progress of the county and has since been numbered as one of its honored pioneer settlers. He secured a claim and entered land when it was placed upon the market. The Indians were here at the time of his arrival and it was not until the following year that they were sent to reservations farther west. After three years Mr. Coutts returned to Ohio and again walked the entire distance, being nineteen and one-half days on the way. Soon he came again to Cedar county and throughout the remainder of his life gave his attention to general agricultural pursuits. He made steady progress in that department of labor and prospered as the years went by until he was numbered among the most successful and progressive agriculturists of this part of the state. He continued to farm at Red Oak until, wishing to give his children better educational advantages, he purchased a tract of land of four hundred acres a mile east of the courthouse in Tipton. There he established a home and the proximity to the city enabled his children to pursue their education in the city schools. Mr. Coutts remained upon that farm until the year prior to his death, when he removed to Tipton. At one time he was the owner of eight hundred acres in Red Oak township. His farm of four hundred acres in Center township was a very valuable property, upon which he made substantial improvements. For his early purchase of three hundred acres he paid one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre. He never bought land for speculation but utilized it for its pro-

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ductiveness and thus did much to promote the agricultural development of the county.

Mr. Coutts was married twice. He first wedded Miss Rachel Bandeen, a native of Scotland, who died in 1848, and on the 16th of April, 1850, in Ohio, he married Miss Barbara Bandeen, who was born near Aberdeen, Scotland, April 19, 1828. In 1833 she was brought to America by her parents, John and Janet (Yule) Bandeen, both of whom have long since passed away. Unto William and Barbara Coutts were born seven children: John, the oldest, spent his entire life in this county and died at the age of fifty-three years. He was married but had no children. He served as county treasurer for four years and was president of the City National Bank at the time of his demise; Jane, who became the wife of Charles Wright and at her death left two children; William, a graduate of the law school of the State University of Iowa at Iowa City, who was engaged in the practice of law at the time of his death when twenty-eight years of age; Sarah, who was the wife of Joseph Bunker and lived at Cedar Rapids; Mary, the deceased wife of W. J. Moore who, since the death of Mrs. Moore, has resided with his mother-in-law, Mrs. Coutts; Martha is at home; and Ida is the widow of Dr. Roscoe Nash and is living in Tipton.

Mr. Coutts was a man of considerable local influence and prominence. He held several school and road offices and always gave his support to the measures and movements which he believed would prove of benefit to the community. In 1876 he made a visit to his native land and other European points and greatly enjoyed looking again on the scenes of his childhood and renewing acquaintance with the friends of his youth. He was a life-long Congregationalist, active in the work of the church and ever loyal to its teachings. He died in Tipton, December 16, 1891, at the venerable age of eighty years, honored and respected by all who knew him. While he left to his family a handsome competence, he also left to them the more priceless treasure of an untarnished name.

MOSES G. WHITMER.

Moses G. Whitmer is the well known proprietor of the Evergreen Stock Farm on section 11, Sugar Creek township, which is one of the most beautiful places in Cedar county. The grounds are adorned with all kinds of evergreen trees, which make it especially attractive. These include the arbor vitae, pyramadalis, the native cedar, the American arbor vitae, the Chinese golden arbor vitae, the superior arbor vitae, the Norway spruce, the white pine, the Scotch pine, the balsam fir, the cut leaf weeping birch, the weeping elm, the weeping mulberry and the Colorado blue spruce, which is very rare in this part of the country and for which he paid five dollars when it was only eighteen inches high. It is now twelve years old, however. Besides these beautiful trees there are many kinds of apples upon the place, including the northwestern greening, which grows as hardy as a hickory here. There are over fifty varieties of trees and shrubs upon the place and Mr. Whitmer has spent much time and money in the adornment of his lawn. There is no farm in Cedar county that now pre-

sents so attractive an appearance and it is famed far and wide throughout the country.

Near his present home in Sugar Creek township, Mr. Whitmer was born on the 17th of December, 1868, his parents being Peter and Mary (Garber) Whitmer. The birth of the father occurred near Galion in Crawford county, Ohio, November 5, 1835, and in the summer of 1849 he was brought to Cedar county, Iowa, by his parents, Peter and Catherine (Snyder) Whitmer. They located upon a farm in Sugar Creek township, where they continued to reside until his death, which occurred on the 27th of November, 1899. He was the youngest in a family of thirteen children, four sons and nine daughters, but only one of the number is now living, Sarah, the wife of George Marquart of Woodbury county, Iowa. The father of these children died on the 4th of March, 1869, at the age of seventy-two years, and his wife passed away February 1, 1884, at the age of eighty years.

Throughout his active business life Peter Whitmer, Jr., followed farming and met with most excellent success and owned at the time of his death four hundred and forty acres of valuable land on sections 2 and 3, Sugar Creek township, his home being in the former township. On the 12th of November, 1857, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Garber, who was born in Pennsylvania, January 27, 1839, and came to Cedar county in 1853 with her parents, Moses and Susanna (Steffy) Garber, also natives of the Keystone state, who spent their last days in this county. The following were born to Mr. and Mrs. Whitmer, namely: Phoebe, who died at the age of sixteen years; Ella, the wife of Charles Parks of California; Susie, the wife of George Lawcamp of Sugar Creek township; Franklin, who died at the age of ten months; Moses G., whose name introduces this sketch; Catherine, the wife of Jesse Wagner of Sugar Creek township; James P., of Muscatine, Iowa; and Lucy, the wife of John Ford of Sugar Creek township. The father was an earnest and faithful member of the Sugar Creek Presbyterian church, with which he united February 6, 1868. His upright, honorable life gained him the confidence and high regard of all who knew him.

Throughout life Moses G. Whitmer has made his home in Sugar Creek township and is today regarded as one of its leading citizens. His excellent farm consists of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 2 and 11, his home being on the latter section, and in connection with the cultivation of the soil he is extensively engaged in stock-raising, making a specialty of Duroc Jersey hogs and shorthorn cattle. He also has five acres of his land devoted to fruit, principally apples and cherries, and in connection with the cultivation of his own place he also operates a farm of two hundred acres belonging to his mother. He is a progressive and up-to-date agriculturist and takes a commendable pride in his undertakings.

In August, 1889, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Whitmer and Miss Katie E. Wagner, who was born in Inland township, this county, in June, 1867, and is a daughter of Adam and Mary (Bretz) Wagner. Her parents were natives of Pennsylvania and both died in Inland township, this county. The children born to our subject and his wife are: Cyral E., Howard H. and Hazel R.

Mr. Whitmer is a prominent member of White Pigeon Grange and is also identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias fraternity at Wilton. He has taken much pleasure in the adornment of his place and has received some varieties of trees and shrubs both from the state and the United States government, and various nurseries throughout the country have sent him varieties for experimental purposes. He is thoroughly familiar with the different kinds of trees best adapted to the soil and climate of this locality and is an agriculturist of more than ordinary ability, who is meeting with most excellent success in his undertakings.

ELMER FAIRES.

One of Ohio's native sons, Elmer Faires has, however, for more than four decades, or almost his entire life, been a resident of Cedar county, Iowa, where he has been closely and successfully identified with agricultural pursuits. Born in Morgan county on the 18th of February, 1865, he is the third in a family of ten children born until Joel and Ursula (Murphy) Faires, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. He was a little lad of three years when, in 1868, the family left Ohio and took up their abode in Cedar county, Iowa, locating in Iowa township. Here upon the home farm he was reared to manhood and, when not busy with his text-books, for he attended the country schools in the acquirement of an education, he assisted in the work of the fields, early becoming familiar with the duties that fall to the lot of the farm bred lad. As he grew in years and strength, he entered more and more largely into the work of the farm, gradually and continuously expanding his powers in that direction until, with the passing of the years, his knowledge of that field of industry became thorough and comprehensive, forming an excellent foundation upon which to base his future independent career.

Mr. Faires remained with his father until 1898, when he established home relations of his own by his marriage to Miss Hattie A. Markle, a native of Springdale township, Cedar county, where her birth occurred June 25, 1876. She is a daughter of Mathias and Harriett (McCormick) Markle, natives of Canada and Ireland respectively. The mother passed away in 1908, but the father still survives and makes his home about two miles west of Springdale.

After his marriage, Mr. Faires took up his abode upon his present farm, consisting of eighty acres on section 33, Iowa township, and here for over ten years has carried on agricultural pursuits. The land is well cultivated and improved, and in addition to the home farm he owns thirteen and a half acres of timber land lying partly along the river. In connection with the tilling of the soil he also engages to some extent in stock-raising and has so carefully managed his interests that his undertaking has been most successful, well directed effort, thrift and industry proving the salient qualities of his career. A man just entering the prime of life, actuated by a spirit of progress and determination, the degree of prosperity to which he has already attained augurs well for continued success which the future doubtless has in store for him.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Faires were born two children, both of whom, however, passed away in infancy. During the many years of his residence in Iowa township, Mr. Faires has become widely known among the residents of that locality, all of whom entertain for him the highest regard and respect. Stalwart in his advocacy of republican principles, he has ever been a public-spirited citizen, active in the public life of the community and, having spent almost his entire life here, his interests are closely identified with those of Iowa township and Cedar county.

SCOTT S. KESSLER.

For nearly a quarter of a century Scott S. Kessler has been identified with the business interests of Bennett. At present, he is living upon a portion of his estate of seven hundred and four acres, all of which he acquired through diligent effort and splendid business management. He was born March 12, 1856, in Blair county, Pennsylvania, his parents being John S. and Sarah Ann (Barnical) Kessler. His father was born January 11, 1818, in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, and passed away in Cedar county, Iowa, February 7, 1892. When he came to this county in 1856, he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Inland township and for two years farmed that place and made extensive improvements thereon. In 1858 he disposed of it to a decided advantage and for the following eleven years operated rented land. Then he again purchased property, securing one hundred and sixty-five acres, upon which place he made his home until his death. He was a republican in politics and always took an active part in the conduct of township and county affairs. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist church and were estimable citizens. She was a native of Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, born June 28, 1826, and passed away in Cedar county, May 12, 1903. They were married at Williamsburg, Pennsylvania, and became the parents of twelve children, nine sons and three daughters: Miles Benner, born November 23, 1846, died October 8, 1859. Henrietta, died in infancy. James Crawford, born April 1, 1849, is a farmer living in Oskaloosa, Iowa. John Blair, born July 10, 1851, is a physician of Iowa City. Jacob L. died in infancy. Mary Elizabeth, born March 3, 1854, is the wife of George Blair, a farmer of Bennett. Scott S., is the next in order of birth. Smith died in infancy. Sarah Ann, born October 12, 1859, is the wife of J. R. Hanna of Superior, Wisconsin. William, born August 1, 1861, was states attorney at Langdon, North Dakota, and died November 22, 1895. Grant, born November 29, 1865, died October 4, 1884. Jesse R., born August 22, 1866, lives at Green Mountain, Iowa.

Scott S. Kessler attended the common schools of Inland township and worked upon the home farm. At the age of twenty-one, he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for three years, and then engaged in the hardware and implement business in Bennett for seventeen years. Tiring of the confining work in his store, he traded his business for a half section of land in Kossuth county, Iowa. Some time later he again embarked in the implement

business in Bennett and continued in that line six years. Trading for eighty acres of land adjoining Bennett, he retired from the store and has since made his home upon this farm. In addition to this property he owns two hundred and twenty-four acres lying a half mile north of Bennett and recently purchased eighty acres which adjoin his home place.

Mr. Kessler was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Jane Hostler, a daughter of Daniel and Delilah (Fleck) Hostler, natives of Blair county, Pennsylvania, who came to Cedar county, Iowa, in 1867. The parents farmed in Inland township until they passed away, the father, June 27, 1895, and the mother, January 2, 1904. Mrs. Kessler is one of a family of nine children, seven of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, while two died in infancy. They are: Mary Frances, born August 18, 1852; Laura May, born August 28, 1857; Abraham Lawrence, born January 12, 1859; Catharine J., now Mrs. Kessler; William Thomas, born August 4, 1862, who died February 7, 1905; John Montgomery, born September 20, 1864; and Alfred Blair, born September 1, 1867. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kessler were born two children, namely: Bessie, born April 14, 1887, is now the wife of Fred C. Franco and the mother of one daughter, Dorothy Helen; and Miles Scott, born February 7, 1894, lives at home with his parents.

Mr. Kessler in a republican and has served the village and township in several capacities. For two terms he has been mayor of Bennett, the citizens twice electing him to that office. For nine years he has attended to the duties which all citizens owe the public schools and for six years was the president of the school board. He is interested in the First Bennett Savings Bank, of which he was formerly director and assistant cashier. He has served as treasurer of the cemetery association for a number of years and is a member of the Brotherhood of Yeomen.

HENRY SCHORR.

Of all the occupations known to man, that of the farmer is to be preferred. Especially is this the case in regions of the United States where the soil and climate are favorable and markets are convenient. There was a time not many years past when unfavorable weather often had a disastrous effect on farming operations, but at the present time the skilled farmer plants a variety of crops and also raises live stock, so that, although he may lose in one direction, he gains in another and at the close of the year he generally finds himself richer than he was at the beginning. Henry Schorr, of Farmington township, Cedar county, is one of the fortunate farmers of this county. He lives upon the old homestead, which was acquired by his father and is one of the highly productive farms in this region. In fact, it would be difficult to find one hundred and sixty acres of land that yields more readily the wealth which nature has in store and which springs forth to gladden the earth under proper cultivation. The farm is beautifully situated within convenient distance of the railroad and in years to come will be even much more valuable than it is today.

Henry Schorr first saw the light of day on a farm in Madison county, Illinois, November 30, 1849. He is a son of William and Maggie (Ruprecht) Schorr, both of whom were born in Germany, the former July 8, 1813, and the latter on December 26 of the same year. They were married in the old country and there Mr. Schorr learned the butcher's trade. However, he was not satisfied with the conditions that prevail in a land thickly inhabited and where the son has little possibility of succeeding in any business except that which the father pursued. Therefore, Mr. and Mrs. Schorr came to America and first settled in Madison county, Illinois, where he worked at his trade for five years. He then engaged in farming and purchased a farm of eighty-five acres, upon which he lived until 1867, when he came to Cedar county, this state, and located in Farmington township, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres of slightly improved land. This land he brought to a high state of cultivation and here he lived until he was called to rest April 9, 1885. Mrs. Schorr survived her husband twenty years and died at the old homestead August 30, 1905. He was a good farmer and an upright citizen; was an industrious and economical man and increased his original farm of one hundred and sixty acres to three hundred and twenty acres.

The subject of our review came with his parents to this state at eighteen years of age and has ever since made his home on the farm. He received a common-school education in Madison county, Illinois, and after laying his books aside devoted his entire attention to agriculture and stock-raising. As already indicated, he now owns the old homestead and a valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres upon which he carries forward general farming operations.

On January 15, 1900, Mr. Schorr was happily united in marriage to Miss Frances Rotje, who is a native of Alton, Illinois, and who has proved to him a worthy companion and an able assistant in everything pertaining to the household. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schorr: Peter; William; Annie; and Henry, who departed this life at four years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Schorr are both identified with the Lutheran church and are firm believers in its teachings. He has all his life been in sympathy with the principles of the democratic ticket and supports the party as the one that in his opinion is best adapted to maintain a free government. He was early educated as a farmer and to this work he has devoted the energies of his life and has attained in it a degree of success that makes him financially independent.

MYRON W. GLEASON.

The life work of Myron W. Gleason was of signal service to Cedar county in the vigor he lent to the pioneer era in making this region habitable, in bringing its resources to light and in stamping his intensely practical ideas upon the progressive movements which were instituted and developed here. He was born in Chautauqua county, New York, on the 13th of May, 1819, and there spent his youthful days, his educational privileges being those afforded by the public schools. He was married in the Empire state to Miss Amanda Wallbridge, who was born in New York, December 22, 1821.

MR. AND MRS. MYRON W. GLEASON

In 1838 they sought a home in Iowa, making the journey across the country with teams. This was long before the admission of the state into the Union, and in fact the work of development seemed scarcely begun save along the Mississippi river. There were great unexplored and uninhabited regions of the state. Cedar county became the abiding place of Myron W. Gleason, who entered land from the government, securing a forty-acre tract. To this he added by purchase the farm upon which his son Frank now makes his home. In course of time he came to own several hundred acres of land and eventually built a good home on the Mechanicsville and Lisbon road and added to this place other substantial buildings and improvements. In the early days he bravely faced the dangers, trials and hardships of pioneer life when, remote from teh advantages and source of supplies offered in the older east, the settlers had to depend upon their own labors and resources for almost everything they had. As the years passed on, however, Mr. Gleason prospered, becoming one of the well-to-do farmers as well as one of the representative and honored citzens of the community.

In 1855 Mr. Gleason was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died in Cedar county on the 3d of February of that year. They became the parents of five children, of whom four are now deceased. On the 17th of August, 1856, Mr. Gleason was again married, his second union being with Miss Hannah Strayhorn, a native of Pennsylvania, who still survives him and resides with her daughter on the old home place. There were but three children in their famliy, the daughters being: Cora, the wife of Clem Lyon, who resides near Cameron, Missouri; and Flora, the wife of John Secor, who owns a part of the old Gleason homestead. The son, Frank K. Gleason, is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. The father died September 26, 1893, after a residence of fifty-five years in the county. He had aided materially in the early development of this section of the state and in his later years rejoiced in what was accomplished, living to see Cedar county take its place as one of the most populous, prosperous and progressive sections of this great commonwealth.

JOHN PORTER STOTLER.

John Porter Stotler, proprietor of the Midway Stock Farm and one of the best known farmers and stock-raisers of his section, has, during the years of his residence here gained a prominent place among the substantial business men of this locality. He is one of Ohio's contribution to the citizenship of Iowa, his birth occurring in Wooster, Wayne county, on the 10th of February, 1852. His parents were Henry and Amanda (Hoy) Stotler, both natives of Wayne county, Ohio, who about 1855, removed to La Salle county, Illinois, where they made their home until the fall of 1861, when they came to Cedar county, Iowa, locating in Iowa township. After a residence here of about ten years, they went to Linn county, Iowa, where the father passed away at the end of three years, his death occurring in 1873. In 1880 the family returned to this county and later the mother again married, becoming the wife of George McNichols. She now makes

her home in Woodland, California, at the advanced age of seventy-six years. By her marriage to Mr. Stotler she became the mother of three children, of whom John Porter is the eldest. The others are: Augusta, the widow of Monroe Ish, of Woodland, California; and Charles, a resident of Iowa township, Cedar county.

John Porter Stotler, whose name introduces this review, was but three years of age when he left his native home and with his parents went to Illinois. Accompanying the family on their subsequent removals westward, he became a resident at different times of Cedar and Linn counties, Iowa, and later, in 1880, with the family again came to Cedar county, locating in Iowa township, within whose borders he has since continued to reside. Reared to farm life, he has always given his attention to agricultural pursuits, and that his early training in this direction was broad and comprehensive is indicated by the excellent results which have attended his efforts. He is the owner of four hundred acres of land on sections 10, 11, 15 and 16, about half of which has been converted into productive fields, the rest remaining stump and timber land. The cultivated portion of his farm has recently been improved to a most exceptional degree by Mr. Stotler and constitutes one of the most highly developed and valuable properties of Iowa township. In 1907 he erected a fine modern eight-room residence and two years later built a commodious barn, sixty-four by one hundred and twenty-eight feet, which will accommodate aside from all of his live stock, three hundred tons of hay. In addition to general farming, he engages to a large extent in stock-raising, dealing mostly in fine horses and high grade shorthorn cattle. He makes a specialty of standard bred Wilkes horses, having on hand about thirty-five specimens of that breed and raising annually about ten head. He is also the owner of a fine imported Percheron stallion, and the product of his stables has become widely known throughout the state, the name of Midway Stock Farm becoming a synonym for excellence in the breeding of high grade stock.

Mr. Stotler has been twice married. In 1888 he was united in marriage to Miss Eva Goudy, a native of Linn county, Iowa, and a daughter of Samuel and Nancy. She passed away in 1890, at the age of forty-one years, and is survived by their daughter, Violet, the wife of John Stevens, of Chicago. In 1900, Mr. Stotler wedded Miss Sarah E. Carey, whose birth occurred in Cedar county, June 21, 1869. She is a daughter of Moses and Bessie (Ingledew) Carey, who were born in Canada, near St. Johns, but were united in marriage in this country, where they arrived about 1865. They still survive and make their home in Tipton, Iowa. The humanitarian spirit of Mr. Stotler is indicated by his adoption from an orphans' home in New York of two children, Clara and Ernest Schmidt, who have assumed his name and find in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stotler all of that care and tenderness deprived them by the loss of their own parents.

Although the duties of a strenuous business career have occupied much of the attention of Mr. Stotler, nevertheless he has found time for active participation in public affairs, doing all in his power to further those matters and measures which have for their object the upbuilding and development of the community at large. Deeply interested in the political questions of the day, he has given stalwart support to republican principles and for a long period has been an active worker in the party ranks, having served for eight years as trustee. His

fraternal relations are with the Masons, being a member for twenty-five years. He has won a prominent place for himself among the substantial farmers and stock-raisers of Cedar county, his efforts in the latter field being potent elements in raising the grade of stock, and especially that of horses, in this section of the state. As a citizen he has ever remained loyal to the highest standards of manhood, his relations with his fellowmen at all times being such as to win for him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

WILLIAM BARD McBURNEY.

Prominent among the energetic, far-sighted and successful business men of Tipton is numbered William Bard McBurney, who since 1890 has been connected with commercial interests here and is today proprietor of the largest dry-goods store in Cedar county. Along well developed lines of trade and in harmony with the strictest commercial ethics, he has built up his business which is a credit alike to the town and its founder.

Mr. McBurney was born in Marion, Linn county, Iowa, on the 20th of May, 1862, his parents being John T. and Elizabeth Bard (McKinnie) McBurney. The mother was born near Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, June 20, 1828, while the father's birth occurred in New York, April 26, 1819. They were married at Goshen, Ohio, and about the year 1857 removed to Linn county, Iowa, where they continued to make their home until called to their final rest, the death of Mr. McBurney occurring January 10, 1903, while his wife passed away April 20, 1902. In early life he had learned and followed the cabinetmaker's trade but later turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits. Tracing back the ancestry still further, it is recorded that Andrew Graham McBurney, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Scotland and was the first of this branch to establish a home in America. He died in Ohio where he had reared a large family, his eldest son Andrew Graham McBurney, becoming lieutenant governor of Ohio in 1862. He was a distinguished attorney and won the famous Vallandigham (see Century Dictionary) case in 1863, one of the most noted ever tried in the Buckeye state. Among the ancestors on the maternal side was Adam Poe, a prominent Methodist minister and Indian fighter.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. John T. McBurney there were eight children, five sons and three daughters: Mrs. Lavisa Ball, Mrs. J. M. Albright, Asaph G. McBurney and John E. McBurney, all residents of Marion, Linn county, Iowa; Mrs. Benjamin Long, deceased, who was a resident of Central City, Linn county; William B. McBurney, of this review; Rev. D. A. McBurney, a Methodist minister of Fort Dodge, Iowa, who is now serving as presiding elder; and Dr. George F. McBurney, a practicing physician of Belmond, Iowa.

William B. McBurney spent the first five years of his life in Marion and for seven years thereafter was upon a farm in the vicinity of that city. He then went to live with his maternal grandfather, R. B. McKinnie, at Goshen, Ohio, where he remained until 1886. At the age of sixteen years, he secured a position as clerk in a dry-goods store and was thus employed until he removed to the

west, settling in Des Moines county, Iowa. For four years he engaged in clerking at Mediapolis, Iowa, after which he entered into business on his own account in Tipton, Iowa, in 1890. All through the days of his clerkship, he was actuated by the ambition of one day engaging in business on his own account and to this end he carefully saved his earnings until he felt that his capital was sufficient to justify him in establishing a store of his own. For twenty years he has remained at the same location in the Rowell building next to the City National Bank and he now has the largest exclusive dry-goods store in Cedar county, carrying an extensive and attractive line of goods, while his six clerks are employed to serve the wants of the customers. His business has steadily increased owing to his fair dealing, his reasonable prices and his earnest desire to please his patrons. His success is due to the fact that he has closely applied himself to the conduct of the enterprise, has carefully watched the indications of trade and has employed only legitimate methods to build up an extensive dry-goods trade.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. McBurney was married in 1894 to Miss Elizabeth Ellen Storks, a native of Louisa county, Iowa, born February 11, 1869. She is the only child of John W. and Nancy Jane (Swank) Storks, natives of Ohio and Indiana respectively. The father died in Tipton, February 20, 1901, and the mother now lives with Mr. and Mrs. McBurney. Mr. McBurney is a member of the Presbyterian church and belongs to Cedar Lodge, No. 11, A. F. & A. M., and Siloam Chapter, No. 19, R. A. M., of Tipton. He is interested in the craft and its purposes and exemplifies in his life its beneficent teachings. For twenty years he has now been numbered among the prominent and progressive citizens of Cedar county and has cooperated in many of the movements for the development and progress of the city. His connection with any undertaking insures a prosperous outcome of the same, for it is his nature to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He has earned for himself an enviable reputation as a careful man of business and in his dealings is known for his prompt and honorable methods which have won him the deserved and unbounded confidence of his fellowmen.

LINDLEY HEALD.

Lindley Heald, now living retired in West Liberty, was for many years identified with farming interests in Cedar county. He was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, March 25, 1848, and there made his home until he came to Iowa in 1866. His parents were Israel and Rebecca (Hole) Heald, also natives of Columbiana county, the former born in 1807 and the latter in 1813. Israel Heald was a son of William and Sarah (Wilson) Heald. William Heald was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, and when five years of age accompanied his parents on their removal to Uniontown, Pennsylvania, where he resided until after his marriage, when he became a resident of Columbiana county, Ohio, which county, however, had not been organized at that time. His principal occupation was surveying and he did much government work of that

character. He took his corps of assistants into the woods, where they would not see a white man all summer. He crossed the state on horseback to Cincinnati in the fall to get his pay at the land office there. On one occasion he was paid thirteen hundred dollars in silver. Many nights he spent in the woods with his saddle for a pillow. His work constituted an important factor in the development and improvement of the state. In the fall of 1866 he came with his family to Iowa and died in the spring of 1867 at the very remarkably old age of one hundred and one years, three months and twenty-four days. He was a Quaker in religious faith and a regular attendant at the church services. He had a large family, of whom his son John came to Cedar county in 1852 and settled two miles west of Springdale. Most of the children of William Heald or their children came to Iowa, and when he celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of his birth at Damascus over seventy of his descendants were present. The next day he surveyed a town lot and the survey was found to be accurate. The maternal grandparents of Lindley Heald were Charles and Hester (Hanna) Hole. The latter was connected with the family of which Mark Hanna was a representative. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hole died in Ohio.

Israel Heald spent his youthful days in the Buckeye state, there pursued his education and was reared to the occupation of farming. Having arrived at years of maturity he married and had two sons. After losing his first wife he wedded Rebecca Hole and unto them were born seven children, four of whom reached years of maturity, namely: Ezra, who is living in West Branch; Mary Ann, the wife of Samuel Emery, a resident of Whittier, Iowa; Lindley, of this review; and Cynthia, who has now passed away.

Lindley Heald was a youth of eighteen years when he left Ohio and came with his parents and their family to Cedar county, Iowa, a location being made in Springdale township, where he lived with his father and mother until 1871. He was then married and began farming for himself in Gower township, two miles east and two miles north of West Branch. As the years passed he prospered and at one time was the owner of two hundred and forty acres of rich and valuable land, which he brought under a high state of cultivation and to which he added many modern improvements, such as are always found upon a model farm of the twentieth century. His time and attention were devoted to the raising of the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, and in his farm work he was quite successful. He was also interested in the elevator at Centerdale at one time, but in the spring of 1909 he put aside business cares and removed to West Liberty, where he is now living retired, enjoying a well earned rest.

On the 6th of December, 1871, Mr. Heald was united in marriage to Miss Nancy L. Fritchman, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1850 and when five years of age went to Rock Island county, Illinois, with her parents, Adam and Margaret Ann (McGrew) Fritchman, who were natives of Pennsylvania. After living in Illinois for about twelve years the family came to Iowa in 1867, settling in Bloomington township, Muscatine county, but both Mr. and Mrs. Fritchman died in Cedar county, spending their last days in the home of their daughter. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Heald were born three daughters: Edith L., now the wife of Louis W. Emmons, of What Cheer, Iowa; Margaret Ann, at home; and Lydia Alice, the wife of Roy R. Sheets, of Iowa township, Cedar county.

Forty-four years have passed since Mr. Heald became a resident of this county, and his wife has lived here for almost as long a period. They are both well known and throughout their entire lives have displayed traits of character which have gained for them the friendly regard of those with whom they have been associated.

JOEL FAIRES.

That the efforts of Joel Faires during a long and active business career proved resultant forces in the acquirement of success is indicated by the fact that, after about a half century of energy, industry and perseverance along agricultural lines, he has been able to put aside active business cares and, in the evening of life, enjoy in well earned rest the fruits of former toil.

One of Ohio's native sons, he was born in Morgan county, December 10, 1837, a son of Thomas T. and Mary (Gifford) Faires. John D. Faires, the grandfather of our subject, was of Scotch parentage and married Miss Jane Besse, a native of Pennsylvania and of German lineage. Their home was established in Ohio, and in that state both passed away. The maternal grandfather, Alexander Gifford, who was born in Maine, was of English descent. He followed the sea during his lifetime and on one trip off the Greenland coast froze all of his fingers.

The parents of Joel Faires were natives of Ohio, the father's birth occurring in Guernsey county, May 9, 1809, and the mother's in Morgan county on the 27th of July, 1815. The former passed away on the 29th of July, 1887, while the latter survived until October 5, 1889. She had come to Cedar county, Iowa, with her son Joel in 1868, and after a residence of a few years here removed to the western part of Iowa, and later to Andrew county, Missouri, where she passed away at the home of her son. By her marriage to Mr. Faires she had become the mother of nine children, as follows: Lydia Osborn, deceased; Charity, the wife of Isaac Murphy, of Morgan county, a brother of Mrs. Joel Faires; Joel, of this review; Patience, the deceased wife of Thomas Chappelear; Pearl, who passed away in early life; Ruth, who also died young; Olive, the widow of LaFayette Hunicutt, residing in Clay county, Nebraska; Esther, who wedded Neri Smith, of Clay county, Nebraska; and R. M., a resident of Andrew county, Missouri.

No event of special importance came to vary the routine of life for Joel Faires during the period of his boyhood and youth, which was spent in the Ohio home of his parents, the common schools of that district affording him the educational advantages which he enjoyed. There he grew to manhood and, having obtained thorough and comprehensive training in the work of the farm under the direction of his father, took up agricultural pursuits as an independent venture, making that occupation his life work. He remained a resident of his native state until the year 1868, when with his family, which then consisted of his wife and four sons, and accompanied by his mother, he came to Iowa and took

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up his abode in Iowa township, Cedar county. From that time until 1909, covering a period of more than four decades, he was closely identified with the farming interests of this section of the state and left the impress of his individuality not only upon agricultural interests but also upon the public life of the community in which he resided. His home farm consisted of one hundred acres on section 20, Iowa township, and later he acquired eighty acres on the northeast quarter of that section, while subsequently he purchased, in connection with his son eighty-seven and a half acres on the county line. He never sought to extend his efforts into other channels or divide his time among other interests but concentrated his attention upon agriculture and to this fact is doubtless due in large measure his success. He carefully cultivated his fields, made a close study of soil conditions, knew the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and learned by experience the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting, and with the passing of years he prospered in his undertaking. He studied modern methods of agriculture and adopted those which in his estimation were most feasible, and as time passed his keen discernment and practical course became factors in the attainment of a success which makes it possible for him to enjoy in well earned retirement all of the comforts and many of the luxuries. Having disposed of all of his property holdings save the old homestead farm, preparatory to seeking the advantages offered by city life, on the 1st of April, 1909, he removed to West Liberty and there purchased his present comfortable and attractive residence at the corner of Columbus and Sixth streets.

Ere his arrival in Iowa Mr. Faires was united in marriage, in Morgan county, Ohio, to Miss Ursula Murphy, the cermony being celebrated on the 20th of January, 1859. She is a native of Morgan county, where her birth occurred on the 29th of January, 1840, and is one of a family of four sons and five daughters born unto John and Jane (Boylan) Murphy. The parents, who were both born in Ohio, the father on the 10th of November, 1789, and the mother on the 25th of July, 1807, have passed away, the death of the former occurring December 20, 1884, and the latter March 22, 1886. While still residents of Ohio four children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Faires, as follows: Ira, at home; Owen residing in Muscatine county, Iowa, where he is engaged in general farming; Elmer, of Iowa township, Cedar county; and Clark, living in Lone Tree, Iowa, where he is conducting a jewelry establishment. After their arrival in Iowa six children were added to the family, namely: Minerva, the wife of William Crees, of Iowa township, Cedar county; Maleta, the twin sister of Minerva and the wife of W. W. Cheadle, of Johnson county; Lena, who married Arthur Deal, of Des Moines, Iowa; Viola; Purley; and Myrtle, the wife of F. R. Horn, operating the old Faires homestead in Iowa township, Cedar county.

During his residence in his native state Mr. Faires saw active military service as a member of the state militia, serving as first lieutenant of a company of one hundred and eighteen men, known as Squirrel Hunters, called out during Morgan's raid. He has been a stalwart republican since the Fremont campaign, and, being a man of strong opinions who possesses the courage of his convictions, his position upon any question or issue has never been an equivocal one. The keynote to his career has been progress and patriotism, and it is a well known fact that he has at all times taken a firm stand in support of all matters pertaining to

the political and moral welfare of the community. He has already passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten and can look back without regret upon a past that has ever been characterized by high ideals and noble principles, while he can look forward to the future without fear.

CHARLES DANIEL STOTLER.

Charles Daniel Stotler has become well known as a prominent farmer and stock-raiser of Iowa township, where he has resided throughout the greater part of his life, his efforts along those lines having been crowned with well merited and substantial success. He is a son of Henry and Amanda (Hoy) Stotler, natives of Wayne county, Ohio, whence they removed to Illinois in 1855, and he was only four years of age when the family took up their abode in Cedar county, Iowa. Here, with the exception of ten years spent in Linn county during the period of his boyhood, he has since continued to make his home, devoting his entire time to agricultural pursuits. On the home farm he early acquired a thorough knowledge of farming in its various phases and remained under the parental roof, giving his father the benefit of his assistance, until attaining his majority when, crossing the threshold of the business world, he entered into partnership with his brother, J. P. Stotler, in the purchase of one hundred and sixty acres of land, which they continued to operate for several years. They prospered in their undertaking and later were able to add to their original purchase, being the owners of two hundred and eighty acres at the time of the dissolution of the relationship in 1885.

Since that year Charles Daniel Stotler has carried on farming alone, owning a place of one hundred acres on section 9, Iowa township, which has been his home for the past twenty-three years. This is a highly cultivated property known as Maple Grove Farm, most of the improvements thereupon having been instituted by Mr. Stotler. He has made a careful study of soil conditions, has practiced rotation of crops, and his fields under his careful and wise management have responded with abundant harvests to the care bestowed upon them. In addition to tilling the soil he is also engaged in raising live stock of all kinds, confining his attention, however, to high grades, and this branch of his business is proving most remunerative, the excellent quality of his product demanding ready sales and high prices upon the market. He has placed his dependence upon the safe and substantial qualities of energy and wise management—qualities which have ever been salient elements in his career—and his sound business judgment has proven a potent force in the success which is now crowning his efforts.

It was on the 11th of May, 1889, that Mr. Stotler was united in marriage to Miss Lottie Alice Harden, who was born in West Liberty, Iowa, on the 26th of April, 1867, a daughter of William and Kate (Daum) Harden. Both parents were natives of Ohio, where they were reared and married. The mother passed away when the daughter was but seven years of age, and later the father again married, making his home at the present time at West Liberty. By his first marriage were born three sons and three daughters, while by his second wife he

had three sons. Mr. and Mrs. Stotler became the parents of two children, Charles Henry and William Harold, aged eighteen and thirteen years respectively.

Interested as all American citizens should be in the political situation of the country, Mr. Stotler has thoroughly informed himself concerning the questions and issues of the day and, believing the principles and platform of the republican party to be most conducive to good government, has given stalwart support to that organization since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He served as township trustee for five years, was school director for fifteen years, the cause of education finding in him a warm champion, and in all things that are matters of civic virtue and civic pride he has been deeply interested, at all times upholding those measures which, in his opinion, tend toward the upbuilding and development of the community. Actuated at all times by a public-spirited loyalty, he possesses those qualities which speak for good citizenship and win for him the respect, confidence and good-will of his fellowmen.

AMOS E. KIMBERLY, JR.

Amos E. Kimberly, Jr., needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for the name Kimberly has been well known in Cedar county for almost a half century. He was born near his present place of residence in Iowa township, May 25, 1881, and has always lived in this locality, his home being now on section 30, where he owns and cultivates one hundred and seventy-two and one-half acres of rich and productive land. He is the son of Amos E. and Mary (Wilson) Kimberly, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this volume. His father was one of the most extensive farmers and leading stock-raisers of this section of the state. No better blooded horses or shorthorn cattle could be found than were seen upon the Kimberly farm and at one time his father kept about four hundred standard bred trotting horses upon his place. He was the owner of over twelve hundred acres of land on sections 19 and 30, Iowa township. It is a part of this farm which Amos E. Kimberly now owns.

The youthful days of the son were spent in the usual manner of farm lads. He attended the public schools and as his age and strength permitted assisted more and more largely in the work of the farm. At length the father retired from active business life and left the property in charge of his two sons. Amos E. Kimberly has displayed marked business ability and enterprise in carrying on his work and the excellent appearance of his place indicates his practical and progressive methods. He has erected new buildings, including his house, which was built in 1909. He carries on general farming and stock-raising, making cattle and sheep a special feature of his place. Upon the farm was a kite-shaped mile track with a half-mile regulation track for speeding horses.

On the 28th of February, 1908, Mr. Kimberly was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Klein, who was born in Moscow, Iowa, in 1882, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence T. Klein. Her father now resides in Little Rock, Arkansas, but the mother is deceased. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kimberly are well

known in this county and their circle of friends is coextensive with that of their acquaintances. Mr. Kimberly is a man of excellent business ability and keen discrimination, and whatever he undertakes seems to bring him success because of his unremitting diligence.

AMOS E. KIMBERLEY.

The tales of fiction present no more interesting story than the life record of the self-made man—the man who seizes his opportunity and uses it to the best advantage, who is the builder and architect of his own fortunes and while working for personal gain does not lose sight of his obligation and his duty to his fellowmen. Such is the history of Amos E. Kimberley who, devoting his life to the basic industry of agriculture, became one of the wealthiest residents of Cedar county and one of the best known men in eastern Iowa. For almost half a century he was a resident of this portion of the state, making his home on one of the finest farms in Iowa township.

A native of Ohio, he was born December 21, 1837, at Austintown, Ohio, and passed away in West Liberty, Iowa, April 21, 1910. His parents were Samuel and Mary Minerva (Lantimer) Kimberley, who spent their entire lives in the Buckeye state. The father owned extensive mining interests and factories in both Ohio and Pennsylvania, together with gold mines in the Black Hills and in Mexico. Much of his life was devoted to the development and management of those properties. In the family were three sons: Amos, of this review; German, now deceased; and Peter Lantimer, who was a very brilliant business man, extensively engaged in mining, with interests all over the United States. He died in June, 1905, and his estate was valued at ten million dollars. It was said he never forgot the minutest detail of a business transaction nor did he have to refer to any books or data, for he possessed a remarkable memory.

Amos E. Kimberley was reared in Ohio and in 1857 was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Flick, by whom he had five children, one of whom died in infancy. the others are: Charles W., a resident of Los Angeles, California; Nellie Sankey, of Kittaning, Pennsylvania; Viola D. Lantimer, of San Francisco, California; and Samuel O., a resident of Washington, D. C.

Four years after his first marriage Mr. Kimberley came to this state and took up his abode upon a farm in Iowa township, Cedar county. As the years passed by he prospered and became one of the most extensive land owners of this section of the state. He had over five hundred acres in his home place and at one time was the owner of more than one thousand acres of fine farm land in Iowa township. The Kimberley farm was noted throughout the west because of the fine thoroughbred horses and shorthorn cattle there raised. No better stock was produced in this state. Mr. Kimberley dealt heavily in both and during his lifetime undoubtedly handled more money than any other man who has ever resided in or near West Liberty. During the long years spent on the farm the old homestead was practically a country inn where all callers, regardless of their standing or station in life, were entertained with a lavish hand for any length of time they

A E Kimberley

Mary Kimberley

might desire to remain. About twelve years prior to his death financial reverses compelled him to relinquish his magnificent home. Undaunted, however, he built another and began to accumulate another fortune. When his second residence was destroyed by fire in 1908 he left the farm to the care of his sons and came to West Liberty to spend his declining days. He then purchased the Eli Elliott property on the corner of Fifth and Clay, thoroughly remodeling it and adding to its equipment until he had the finest residence in the town.

After losing his first wife Mr. Kimberley was married in 1877 to Miss Mary Wilson, who was born in Ireland in 1849, and when seven years of age went to Scott county with her parents. After residing there for about eighteen years the family settled on a farm three miles northwest of West Liberty and upon that place both the father and mother, David and Jane E. (Wilson) Wilson, passed away. Unto the second marriage of Mr. Kimberley there were born seven children, three of whom passed away ere the father's death. David Wilson, who was born August 6, 1878, in the Black Hills while his parents were there supervising their mining interests, has always resided in Iowa township. He was educated in the high school of Springdale, and the Chicago Business College, and the high school at Des Moines, and has since carried on farming, his home being now on section 14, where he has over two hundred acres of the old homestead property. He married Elsie King, of Chicago. Amos E., born May 25, 1881, is represented elsewhere in this volume. Peter Lantimer, born June 13, 1883, was graduated from the Springdale high school and was a student of the State Agricultural College at Ames, when he was killed in a railroad accident on the 25th of October, 1902. Wilson C., born December 24, 1886, resides with his mother, and Mary Marie, born October 15, 1889, is also at home.

In his poiltical views Mr. Kimberley was a stanch republican but was never an office seeker. At the time of his death one of the local papers wrote of Mr. Kimberley: "He had a rugged exterior and a manner that impressed a stranger as cold and austere, but within his breast beat the kindest of hearts and no man more enjoyed the rendition of loving service to the poor and needy or more gladly reciprocated the kindly acts of friends and neighbors." In all of his business life he was honorable and upright and ever dealt justly with those with whom he was associated. Those who know him well entertained for him the highest regard and while he never blazoned his good deeds abroad, there are many to bear testimony to his kindness and to his timely assistance.

H. W. FRANCO.

A neat and attractive farm of one hundred and sixty acres located in Inland township, Cedar county, pays tribute to the well directed efforts of H. W. Franco, whose close application and wise management in connection with his agricultural interests are proving resultant forces in the attainment of gratifying success.

Mr. Franco was born in Scott county, Iowa, on the 17th of December, 1857, and is a son of Samuel Franco, who was born in Germany on the 19th of March,

1827. The father came to America in 1856 and in the following year took up his abode in Scott county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming for three years. At the end of that time, or in the spring of 1860, he came to Cedar county and here purchased a farm of forty acres, which he operated in connection with rented land. He still resides on a farm of eighty acres in Center township. He was married in New York state in 1857, to Mary Ann Smeltzer, a native of Ireland, but of German descent. She is still living. To them were born three children: H. W., of this review; Charles; and Rose, the wife of Robert Chapman of Center township. The father has been a life-long democrat, and has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits.

No event of special importance came to vary the routine of life for H. W. Franco during the period of his boyhood and youth, which was spent in his parents' home, and in the district schools of Cedar county he acquired a good education. His vacation periods were devoted to the tasks that usually fall to the lot of the country lad, and amid the busy activities of rural life he early became familiar with the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting. For a period of thirty years he also owned and operated a threshing machine. He remained at home until attaining his majority, when he rented land from his father and began farming independently. The thorough and comprehensive training which he had received on the homestead now proved of great value to him, and he prospered in his undertaking. Later his industry and economy enabled him to purchase a farm, becoming the owner of eighty acres, to which he later added an adjoining tract of eighty acres, so that his home place now consists of one hundred and sixty acres. Here he carries on general farming and stock-raising and in the conduct of his affairs is demonstrating the value of industry, energy, close application and determination as features in the attainment of success. He early learned the lesson that prosperity must be purchased at the price of earnest, well defined labor, and as the years have gone by his record has been one of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of indefatigable effort and intelligently directed labor.

Mr. Franco laid the foundation for a happy home life of his own in his marriage, in 1883, to Miss Emma Ingram, a daughter of Robert and Rosanna (Siple) Ingram. Both parents are now deceased, the father passing away in Canada, in December, 1875, and the mother's death occurring in Cedar county, May 30, 1906. The latter's mother with part of her family came to this county in April, 1878, twelve years after the arrival of two of her children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Franco have been born four children: Willie and Wella, twins, who were born July 29, 1884, and died in infancy; Fred C., who married Bessie Kessler, a daughter of Scott S. Kessler, of Bennett, Iowa, and has two children, Dorothy and an infant; and Lester, who married Renna Peirsall, whose mother is living in Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Franco are charter members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Bennett and he has served as steward for over twenty years and was superintendent of the Sunday school for many years. They are well known and popular in the community in which they reside and have a large circle of warm friends. Politically, Mr. Franco is a democrat and is now serving as justice of the peace. He has filled the office of school director and of township trustee,

and at present is a candidate for treasurer of Cedar county, for which office he is well fitted. Everything pertaining to the material, political, intellectual and moral upbuilding and development of the community finds in him a strong advocate. With him perseverance, diligence and integrity have constituted the guiding posts of life, bringing him to the honorable position which he occupies in the opinion of his fellow citizens, among whom he has long lived and labored.

F. W. SCHIELE.

One of the honored and highly respected citizens of Farmington township, Cedar county, was F. W. Schiele, now deceased, who for many years was known as a prosperous and progressive farmer and whose departure occasioned great regret. Mr. Schiele was a native of Prussia, born in the Province of Magdeburg, February 14, 1844, and was the son of Carl and Wilhelmina (Wattenburg) Schiele, both natives of Germany. The family came to the United States in 1856 and settled in Muscatine county, this state, where the father engaged in farming and where he and his wife lived until they were called to their final rest. He was a man possessing the sturdy characteristics of the Teutonic race and found the American republic a freedom and prosperity which are generally the reward of all right-minded men of foreign birth, who seek a home in America.

The subject of our review was educated in the public schools of his native land and at fourteen years of age came with his parents to this country. This movement he has never had cause to regret. In Muscatine county, where the family located, he was married and he and his wife came to Cedar county, locating upon the farm where his widow now lives. The original location consisted of one hundred and sixty acres of entirely unimproved land in the open prairie. Mr. Schiele was a man of great energy and determination and set to work with a will which in a few years transformed the wild prairie into a fine farm, placing the land under a high state of cultivation and erecting thereon good and substantial buildings that stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. He engaged in general farming and was very successful. The family now owns five hundred and sixty acres and the home place of one hundred and sixty acres is equipped with modern buildings that are considered among the best in the county. The principal building is a residence which was completed sixteen years ago and is beautifully finished in hard wood and neatly furnished throughout. The comforts and conveniences which are to be seen here on every side are largely the result of the foresight and good judgment of Mr. Schiele, who departed this life March 11, 1904.

He was reared in the faith of the Lutheran church, but in this country never affiliated with any denomination, but gave from his purse liberally toward the support of the church. His political sympathies were with the democratic party, the principles of which he believed were most in accord with those of a free government. For several years he served as school director and was for many years before his death a director of the Durant Savings Bank. He brought to

all the duties and responsibilities of life a conscientiousness and a devotion to the principles of truth and justice that invariably produced satisfactory results.

On March 2, 1869, in Muscatine county, Mr. Schiele was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Paul, who was born in Saxony, Germany, June 3, 1848, a daughter of August and Christina (Wagner) Paul. She came with her parents to the United States in 1856 and the family located in Montpelier township, Muscatine county, Iowa, where the mother died January 16, 1892. Some years later Mr. Paul removed to Cedar county, Iowa, and lived with his daughter until his death April 19, 1903. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Schiele: Frederick W; Emilie; Arminta, who is now the wife of F. H. Kincaid, of Davenport, Iowa, and has two children, Margaret and Loretta; and Edward Albert.

Mrs. Schiele now lives at the homestead with three of her children, and here for forty-two years she has made her home. On this spot she and her husband began housekeeping and for many years she has watched with deepest interest the growth and development of this region, in the progress of which she and those associated with her have been no unimportant factors. In the upbuilding of the community Mr. and Mrs. Schiele performed an important part and their names will always here be associated with everything that is encouraging and that induces to the highest good.

ZADOK ELLYSON.

The attractive home of Zadok Ellyson is situated on North Columbus street in West Liberty. Here he is now living a retired life but for many years was closely associated with the farming interests of the county and through his well-directed labors gained the competence that enabled him to put aside further business cares. He was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, April 26, 1828, a son of Robert and Hannah (Butler) Ellyson, who were natives of Virginia and New Jersey respectively. They were married at a point west of Salem, Ohio, and spent the remainder of their days in that locality, the mother passing away with her son Zadok was fifteen years of age. He continued to reside in Columbiana county for a long period and married again. By his first marriage he had nine children, of whom one died in infancy, while six are yet living. By his second marriage there were three children, all of whom yet survive.

Zadok Ellyson spent his youthful days amid the conditions and environments of pioneer life in Ohio. His educational privileges were somewhat limited but reading and observation has made him a well informed man. He was a young man of twenty-six years when he came to Cedar county, Iowa, with his brother Benjamin. He located in Gower township, where he lived until 1861, when he removed to Iowa township, where he maintained his abode throughout the remainder of his active connection with business affairs. His entire life was devoted to farming and stock-raising and he became the owner of two hundred and forty acres of land on sections 30 and 31, Iowa township. Year by year he carefully

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and systematically managed his property and year by year he gathered good harvests as the reward of his labor. He found for his crops a ready sale on the market and as time passed by he prospered, operating his farm until 1902, when he began the erection of his present residence in West Liberty. The following year he removed to the town where he now makes his home, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

In 1861 Mr. Ellyson was united in marriage to Miss Malinda J. Wolf, a most estimable young lady, who has been a faithful companion and helpmate to him on life's journey. She was born in Canton, Ohio, January 18, 1838, and came to Cedar county with her parents in 1856. She is a daughter of Jacob and Catherine Ann (Smith) Wolf, the former born in Pennsylvania, June 14, 1803, and the latter in Maryland, February 29, 1808. They were married on the 23d of September, 1828, and Mr. Wolf died December 17, 1868, while his wife passed away September 1, 1890. He filled the position of postmaster at Canton, Ohio, and engaged in merchandising at different times in Canton and Harrisburg, Ohio. He likewise filled the office of postmaster in the latter place and his record as a public official was as creditable as his record as a merchant. He taught school for many years in his younger life and when a boy was apprenticed to the shoemaker's trade, this being his first occupation. In later years he concentrated his energies upon agricultural pursuits and became a well known and representative farmer of Gower township, Cedar county. Both he and his wife died at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Ellyson, in Iowa township. They were highly esteemed because of their many excellent traits of character and their devotion to all that they believed to be just and right between themselves and their fellowmen. They had a family of four sons and four daughters: Newton, who died unmarried; Elizabeth, the wife of Thomas Morgan, of Searsboro, Iowa; Judge William Penn Wolf, deceased, of Tipton, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Catharine A., who became the wife of Jackson Binegar and died in South Dakota, March 7, 1910; Malinda J., now Mrs. Ellyson; Blair, who is a resident of Winterset, Iowa; Michel, the wife of Brinton T. Gruwell, of West Branch; and Garrison A., who died at the age of four years.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ellyson has been born four children: Albert W., of Citronelle, Alabama, who has served as postmaster there for twelve years; Edwin P., who is living on the home farm near Downey, Iowa; Ella M., the wife of George Gause, of West Liberty; and Dr. Charles W. Ellyson, a practicing physician of Alta, Iowa.

In his political views Mr. Ellyson has always been a stalwart republican from the organization of the party and has taken an active interest in all matters of citizenship, contributing in substantial measure to the work of public improvement and progress. He has served as township trustee, as road officer and has been president of the township board of education for several years. He is a birthright member of the Society of Friends and is still connected therewith. He was president of the Union District Agricultural Society for ten years and has been identified with it for almost fifty years, acting as one of its directors since its organization. This society was established at Springdale in 1856, while later headquarters were removed to Wapsie and afterward to West Liberty. Mr. Ellyson is not now associated with the organization, giving way to his sons

and to younger people. He has passed the eighty-second milestone on life's journey but still manifests a deep interest in matters of public ocncern and is numbered with the respected and valued citizens of the community whose efforts have constituted a potent force in the upbuilding and improvement of Cedar County.

THEODORE LINDER.

Theodore Linder, living a retired life in Bennett after many years devoted to farming, is one of the public-spirted men of Cedar county who is well worthy of a place among the representative citizens of the county. He was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, March 14, 1845, his parents being Henry and Catherine Linder, also natives of Germany. His mother died when Theodore was a young boy and the father came to the United States, settling in Davenport in 1866. Being a poor man, he worked for others at farming all his life, and died at the age of seventy-six years in Scott county, Iowa. He brought three children with him to this country, the daughters being Dora, the wife of Charles Bapke, of Moline, Illinois; and Elizabeth, the wife of Castin Lundt, of Grundy county, Iowa.

Theodore Linder attended school in Germany and acquired a fair education. He was twenty-one years old when he landed in Davenport and he worked upon a farm for a year after locating there. He learned the trade of shoemaking but soon returned to farming, renting land for nine years and meeting with very good success, as he was a worker who knew not fatigue and was an able manager. In 1887 he came to Cedar county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of improved land in Inland township. There he lived and labored, constantly improving the place until it became one of the finest in the locality. Just six years ago he retired from active farming and removed to Bennett, where he has since resided. In addition to his own homestead he owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in Fairfield township, Cedar county, and town property in Bennett.

On January 4, 1877, Mr. Linder married Miss Wilhelmina Hein, who was born in Schleswig-Holstein, July 19, 1852, and came to the United States at the age of eleven years with her parents, Carl and Dora Hein. Her parents were also natives of Germany, and both passed away at their home in Davenport. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Linder, namely: Henry, who married Amelia Rock and is the father of two children, making his home upon the old Linder farm in Fairfield township; Dora, the wife of Herman Schultz, of Scott county, and the mother of one child; Theodore, Jr., who married Laura Rock and has charge of the old homestead in Inland township; and Hermina, the wife of Otto Peterson, of Farmington township.

Mr. and Mrs. Linder were reared in the Lutheran faith and still attend the church of that denomination, although not at present members of any. In politics Mr. Linder is a democrat and has served as school director for some time. He has also been road supervisor of the township and is one of the men

who has given of his time toward the development of the best interests of the community. Generous and public-spirited, he is the friend of all who know him, being esteemed as much for his kindly disposition as for his position in the business and agricultural world. He is essentially a self-made man, his start in life being made in a shoe-shop, and he owes his present position and success to none save himself, as he has made his way to the place he occupies alone and unaided.

HENRY MILLER.

Henry Miller is one of the prosperous agriculturists of Farmington township, deriving an excellent annual income from a farm of two hundred and eighty acres, while through the raising and feeding of stock he yearly augments his capital. His birth occurred in Mecklenburg, Germany, on the 3d of December, 1856, his parents being Henry and Sophia (Moeller) Miller, who were born, reared and married in that country. The father's natal day was May 17, 1830, while the mother's birth occurred in March, 1828. In 1856, when our subject was but two months old, they crossed the Atlantic to the United States, making their way direct to Scott county, Iowa, where Henry Miller, Sr., first rented a tract of forty acres of raw prairie land. He broke it with a yoke of oxen and subsequently devoted his attention to the operation of a rented farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Scott county. In 1867 he purchased a quarter section of land in Farmington township, Cedar county, afterward added an adjoining tract of similar size and still later bought one hundred and sixty acres more, the last tract being now in possession of our subject. Therefore his holdings embraced four hundred and eighty acres of land in this county and in the conduct of his farming and stock-raising interests he won a most gratifying measure of success. He made all of the improvements on his farms and brought his land under a high state of cultivation. Unto him and his wife were born eight children, all of whom still survive, namely: Rica, a native of Germany, who is the widow of Christian Paustain, of Shelby county; Henry, of this review; William, Theodore and Charles, all of whom were born in Scott county, Iowa; Matilda, who is the wife of William Schneekloth, of Minnesota; Emma, who gave her hand in marriage to Julius Stoterau and likewise resides in Minnesota; and Ida, the wife of George Merchant, of Clay county, Iowa.

In the acquirement of an education Henry Miller, Jr., attended the district schools of Scott and Cedar counties and when his studies were completed he assisted his father in the work of the fields. On starting out as an agriculturist on his own account he rented one hundred and sixty acres of his present farm from his father and when the latter's estate was settled he purchased the tract, at the same time also buying one hundred and twenty acres adjoining. His land holdings therefore embrace two hundred and eighty acres and in connection with the tilling of the soil he also handles stock, making a specialty of Aberdeen Angus cattle. The place presents a most neat and attractive appearance, bringing to the owner year after year rich harvests and a gratifying financial income.

On the 11th of March, 1885, in Scott county, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Annie Severin, a daughter of John and Catherine (Goblehy) Severin, early settlers of that county. Both are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Miller now have four children, as follows: Albert T., who was born on the 26th of January, 1886; Harry J., whose natal day was December 18, 1890; Dorothy J., whose birth occurred on the 30th of January, 1893; and Sophia, who was born December 9, 1894.

Mr. Miller casts an independent ballot at local elections but supports the democracy where national questions and issues are involved. He served as secretary of the school board for seventeen years and proved an able incumbent in that position. His fraternal relations are with the Knights of Pythias at Sunbury, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Lutheran church, with which his wife and children are also identified. He has spent practically his entire life in this part of the state and enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance here.

ORACE M. CULVER.

To omit from these pages the life record of Orace M. Culver would be to sever an important link in the chain of the pioneers which connects the past with the present history of Cedar county. Born in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, on the 14th of June, 1821, he was a son of Gabriel Culver, who was born in Canada of English antecedents. The father, removing to Ohio, settled near Cleveland when a young man and there married Philura Brown. In 1838 he came with his family to Cedar county, where he followed the pursuit of farming during his active life.

Orace M. Culver was eighteen years of age when he accompanied his parents to this county. The trip was made overland in the primitive mode of travel of those times, which at best required many days for the tedious journey. With a horse, "Old Bob," that his father had secured in exchange for a bushel of potatoes, hitched in the lead of a yoke of oxen and Orace at the helm, they made their way to the then wild prairies of the Hawkeye state. Settling in Cedar county, they built a log cabin where Winfield Busier now lives. In this cabin, containing only one room, three families—the Culvers, Mudges and Cooks—lived during the winter. All were ill but Orace Culver, who arose at three o'clock in the morning and pounded up corn for bread until daylight, when he began the day's work. His father constructed a rude mill, which was used by the family and their neighbors. In those days the Indians gave the settlers much cause for uneasiness but in time the hardships and privations of pioneer life gave way before an advancing civilization.

Orace M. Culver taught the first school in Center township in the Burr Oak schoolhouse. As soon as he attained his majority he entered land from the government and although he commenced business life without capital and received no material aid from any one, by force of his energy and business sagacity he worked his way steadily upward. As he found opportunity and his

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financial resources increased, he added to his holdings until at one time he was the owner of eight hundred and seventy-five acres of land and was largely engaged in feeding stock. The cultivation of the fields and the raising of stock both proved profitable sources of income. He shipped the first carload of cattle from Cedar county to Chicago. He also owned the first tread-power threshing machine in this county, going to Chicago with a team to haul the machine back home.

On the 14th of June, 1843, Orace M. Culver was married to Miss Lucy Ann Cook, a native of Ohio. Their happy married life was of short duration, for Mrs. Culver died in August, 1845, leaving a little daughter, Cornelia, now the wife of J. H. Bolton, of Tipton. Mr. Culver was married a second time, in 1848, when Miss Barbara Catharine Harry became his wife. She was born in Harrison county, Indiana, in 1826. Unto them were born nine children, eight of whom reached years of maturity. John D., is now deceased; Alfred L. is living in Adair county, Iowa; Jennie P. makes her home in the same county; Orace Alvah has also passed away; William P. is living in Adair county; Walter died in infancy; Dolby R. is deceased; Lucy is the wife of George W. Garey, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; and Blanche N. died at the age of twenty years. The mother departed this life on the 7th of May, 1895, and the father passed away in Adair county in January, 1907, having reached the extreme old age of eighty-six years.

Mr. Culver was many times solicited by his fellow citizens to accept public offices but seldom consented, caring more to give his undivided time to his large farming interests. He was a writer on horticultural and agricultural subjects and many of the articles from his pen appeared in the leading journals devoted to those industries. In politics he ever gave his allegiance to the republican party. In religious faith he was a Protestant Methodist and contributed liberally from his purse to the support of the church. A man charitably inclined, he was ever ready to extend aid to the needy, sympathy to those in sorrow and counsel to those who sought the opinion of one of excellent judgment and large experience.

AARON WISENER.

For thirty-nine years Aaron Wisener has been a resident of Cedar county, during which time he has devoted his attention largely to general farming and his active and well spent life has gained for him a creditable position in the regard of his fellow townsmen. He has now passed the seventy-second milestone on life's journey, his birth having occurred in Montgomery county, Ohio, about sixteen miles north of Dayton, on the 26th of July, 1838.

His parents were John and Nancy (Rinard) Wisener, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The mother died in that state when the son Aaron was nine years of age and the father afterward married again. In 1865 he came to Cedar county, Iowa, where he spent his remaining days, and for two or three years was a merchant in Tipton. In the family were two sons, the elder being Amos Wisener, who is now a resident of Tipton.

In Montgomery county, Ohio, Aaron Wisener was reared and educated and made his home until 1864, when he came to Cedar county, Iowa, where he has since lived. While his life has been less conspicuous than that of a man who gives his attention to political or military service, it none the less deserves recognition because of his fidelity to the duties that have devolved upon him. He has always followed farming with the exception of five years spent in the lumber business at Tipton. At one time he was the owner of a two hundred acre farm in this county. He resided in Tipton for about twenty years and drove to and from his farm during part of that period.

In 1862 Mr. Wisener was united in marriage to Miss Mary Marker, who was born in Darke county, Ohio, March 27, 1843, and is a daughter of Martin and Margaret (Weaver) Marker, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Ohio. In the latter state her parents spent their last days and the father long devoted his attention to farming there. They had a family of three sons and six daughters. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wisener have been born eight children: Clara Florence, who is now the wife of James Britcher, of Tipton; Minerva Elizabeth, who is the wife of Clarence Safley, of Tipton; William, who is the editor of the Tipton Conservative; Lawrence, who died at the age of seven years; Perrian, who died at the age of fifteen years; Lulu May, the wife of John Caldwell of Mechanicsville; Rosetta, who is the wife of Russell Casad of Tipton; and Lloyd, who is living in Grangeville, Idaho.

HANS D. IWERS.

Germany has contributed many successful and substantial representatives to the citizenship of Iowa who, coming to the new world in the hope of finding better advantages in business, have here found the opportunities which they sought and, in the recognition and utilization of those opportunities have won substantial prosperity. Especially true is this of those who, leaving their native country in the very beginning of manhood, when ambition and enthusiasm are at their highest, brought to this, the starting point of their career, a spirit of energy and determination which in later years proved a salient factor in the acquirement of success. To this class belonged Hans D. Iwers, who left the fatherland as a young man, with no capital or favoring circumstances to assist him in gaining a start in a strange land, and by untiring effort and unfaltering diligence worked his way steadily upward until, at the time of his death, he was numbered among the substantial farmers and large landowners of Inland township, Cedar county.

His birth occurred in Holstein, Germany, in 1823, and in that country he spent his boyhood and youth. As a young man he came to the United States, drawn across the water by the rumors which he heard concerning the opportunities here offered in business lines, and, making his way to Iowa, first located in Scott county, where he engaged in farming for a number of years. The year 1867 witnessed his arrival in Cedar county, and here he was identified with agricultural pursuits until the time of his death. The years which intervened

since he became identified with agricultural interests in Iowa were years of continuous activity, characterized by close application, unceasing industry and wise management. Few men more rightly deserve the proud American title of a self-made man, for, starting out in life empty-handed at an early age, he was the owner of eight hundred and eighty acres of rich and productive land in Cedar county at the time of his death, the result entirely of his own well directed efforts.

Mr. Iwers was united in marriage to Miss Caroline M. Krebs, a native of Germany. He passed away on the old homestead in Inland township on the 5th of September, 1898, and is survived by his wife and their three sons, Henry, John and William. The mother, who is seventy-six years of age, keeps house for her sons, all of whom are unmarried and reside at home. They operate one hundred and sixty acres of the home farm, the remainder of which is leased, returning to the estate a most gratifying annual rental. They are progressive farmers, carrying on agricultural pursuits according to the latest and most modern methods, and their efforts also are proving resultant forces in the acquirement of success. They live the quiet life of the farmer, having no desire to figure prominently in public affairs, but they enjoy the unqualified respect and esteem of their fellow citizens who honor them for their many excellent traits of character.

JAMES J. SPEAR.

James J. Spear, one of the progressive and substantial agriculturists of Red Oak township, was born near his present home in the same township, December 12, 1862. His parents were John and Susan (Smith) Spear, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of England. With the hope of bettering their condition they sailed for the new world in 1854 and were married in this country. Throughout his active business life the father followed farming but is now living retired in Stanwood. His wife died on the home farm. Of their seven children our subject is the eldest, the others being: Robert, now a resident of Winnipeg, Canada; Margaret, the wife of Ezra Dodson, of Stanwood; Anna, the wife of James Gamble, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Charles, of Stanwood; William, living on the home farm; and Benjamin, of Makaroff, Canada.

Becoming thoroughly familiar with the work of the farm during his boyhood and youth, James J. Spear wisely chose that occupation as his life work when he started out for himself. He had received a good practical education in the common schools and also attended the Tipton high school for two years. It was in 1891 that he began farming on his own account upon his present place and he has steadily prospered in his undertakings, being now the owner of not only the old homestead, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres on section 1, Red Oak township, but also forty acres in Fremont township and eighty acres in Fairfield township. He has given to his place the name of the Wald Stock Farm because he is successfully engaged in the breeding of fine stock, having fifty head of registered Angus cattle, thirty head of Clydesdale horses and

seventy-five Duroc Jersey hogs. He exhibits his stock at the various fairs and has won many premiums. In connection with his agricultural interests Mr. Spear is identified with other business affairs, having served as president of the Stanwood Bank for three years and now vice president of the Union Savings Bank of Stanwood since the union of the Stanwood Savings Bank and the Citizens Savings Bank. He is a man of more than ordinary business ability and as a financier is farsighted and progressive as well as conservative. Besides the property already mentioned he owns a half section of land at White Lake, South Dakota, and a quarter of a section in Manitoba, Canada. Religiously he is identified with the Methodist Episcopal church of Stanwood, and his life has ever been in harmony with his professions.

On the 18th of March, 1891, Mr. Spear was united in marriage to Miss Marian Finley, a daughter of James and Martha (Hamilton) Finley, who were natives of Scotland and came to the United States about 1850. For a few years the father was employed in a carpet factory in Massachusetts but in 1858 brought his family to Cedar county, Iowa, locating on a farm in Dayton township, where he continued to make his home until his death on the 26th of June, 1890. Mrs. Finley had passed away some years previously, dying in 1884. Mr. and Mrs. Spear have three children: Floyd R., born April 2, 1893; James Rolland, born December 5, 1895; and Florence Margaret, born March 12, 1900.

PETER L. AYRES.

For more than a half century Peter L. Ayres has made his home within the borders of Cedar county, where he was born, and his continuance therein is proof of the fact that he has found it a most attractive and desirable place of residence. His appreciation of the value of its lands as a matter of investment is also attested in the fact that he is today the owner of more than eight hundred acres of valuable property, constituting him one of the extensive landowners of his section of the county.

It was on the 27th of February, 1857, that he first opened his eyes to the light of day, his parents being David and Mary Ann (Walter) Ayres. The father, who was born in York county, Pennsylvania, in July, 1821, came to Cedar county in 1854, locating in Sugar Creek township, and here he engaged in general farming and stock-raising for many years. His first purchase made him the owner of a farm of eighty acres, and that he prospered in his agricultural pursuits is indicated by the fact that later he was able to add to his original purchase, becoming the owner from time to time of first a forty-acre farm, then two eighty-acre tracts, two one hundred and sixty-acre farms, one hundred and twenty acres, two forty-acre tracts, another eighty acres and finally forty acres of timberland, until he was the possessor of nine hundred and twenty acres of valuable and productive property. A part of this land Mr. Ayres leased, but the greater portion he operated in connection with his sons. He was a republican in politics, served as school director for years and was treasurer of White Pigeon independent school district. Outside of this, however, he filled no public

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offices, being too busily engaged with his business interests to figure in public life. He was well known, however, and the Ayres family was one of the most prominent of the early pioneer families of Cedar county, the town of Ayresville in Farmington township being named in their honor. In religious faith Mr. Ayres was a member of the Church of God.

He was married in Pennsylvania in 1840 to Miss Mary Ann Walter, who was born in the Keystone state, where her parents spent their entire lives. Unto this union were born eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, six of whom still survive, as follows: L. N., who resides in Wilton, Iowa; Mrs. Elizabeth Ford, of Sugar Creek township, Cedar county; Mrs. Amanda Kenaston, of Butte, Nebraska; H. B., also of Wilton, Iowa; Peter L., of this review; and Mrs. Marietta McCrosky, who lives in Center township, Cedar county. The mother of this family still survives and makes her home on the old homestead farm. She has reached the remarkable old age of ninety-one years, her birth having occurred in Venango county, Pennsylvania, in September, 1819.

The period of his boyhood and youth was spent by Peter L. Ayres in the usual manner of the country lad, the summer seasons being devoted to the work of the home farm, while in the winter months he attended the district school in the acquirement of an education. He remained at home until twenty-three years of age, and then for three years he rented one of his father's farms. At the expiration of that period he purchased eighty acres in Inland township, on which he now lives. He confined his efforts to the operation of this farm for seven years, and then purchased the adjoining eighty acres, which he worked in connection with his original farm, and at various times he bought additional land until today an excellent property, consisting of eight hundred acres of farm land and twenty-five acres of timber land, all in Cedar county, stands as the visible evidence of his industry, perseverance and thrift. For several years he was engaged in general farming—years characterized by unceasing labor, close application and well directed efforts, which qualities found their reward in constantly increasing prosperity until, in 1897, he was able to retire from active business life in the possession of a goodly competence. He continues to make his home on his farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Inland township and gives his attention chiefly to the management of his farming interests. He is numbered among the large landowners of his section of the county, and his extensive property holdings are a source of most gratifying annual income.

It was on the 5th of February, 1880, that Mr. Ayres was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Daut, a daughter of Peter and Rose (Snell) Daut, early settlers of Cedar county. Her father was born in Germany in 1822 and when a young man he came to the United States, settling in Pennsylvania, where he was married to Rose Snell, also a native of Germany. After his marriage he ran a bakery for a few years in St. Louis, Missouri, but removed to Cedar county, Iowa, in 1853, and farmed for many years in Sugar Creek township. His death occurred in May, 1903, and the mother of Mrs. Ayres passed away in March, 1900. They were the parents of ten children.

With the passing years the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ayres was blessed with four children but only three are now living. Lena Lenora, the first born, was killed by a kick from a horse at the age of thirteen years, four months and

nine days. The surviving members are: Cora, the wife of H. C. Myer, of Center township; Lula, who wedded Rudolph Sebelien, of Farmington township; and Tarry Viola, residing at home.

The parents are members of the Church of God, the teachings of which form the guiding influence of their lives, and in politics Mr. Ayres is a republican in national matters. Where local questions are at issue, however, he casts an independent ballot, believing that men best equipped for the responsibilities of the office should serve regardless of their party affiliation. His influence is at all times given on the side of the most desirable measures, and he is ever interested in that which works for the betterment and advancement of the community. Having spent his entire life in Cedar county, his record is well known to the residents of his locality, who honor him no less for his excellent traits of character than for the substantial success which he has attained in agricultural lines.

O. C. PENNOCK.

The enterprise of the individual and his intelligent and well directed effort constitute important factors in the growth and upbuilding of a community at large as well as factors in his own success. O. C. Pennock, therefore, is contributing to the business activity of Cedar county by his association with one of its strong financial enterprises, as he is now president of the Citizens Savings Bank at West Branch. He was born in Stark county, Ohio, June 12, 1846, and is a son of Isaac and Rebecca (Enlow) Pennock, both of whom passed away when their son was only about four years of age. The father was a native of Pennsylvania and the probability is that the mother was also born in that state. They had but two children, the younger being a daughter, Mary J., who is now the wife of James Clemson, who is living near Salem in Columbiana county, Ohio.

At the death of his parents O. C. Pennock went to live with an uncle near the old home and remained with him until twenty-one years of age. He found a good home with his aunt and uncle, Samuel and Hulda Enlow, who spent three years in Jennings county, Indiana, before their removal to Cedar county, Iowa, in the fall of 1866. They drove across the country to this state and O. C. Pennock assisted in driving two cows. When they were on the way he was some distance behind his aunt and uncle, giving his attention to the work of driving the cows. It was the time of the presidential campaign of 1856 and he yelled "hurrah for Fremont." Two men hearing him were so very angry that he narrowly escaped thrashing. His experiences were those of the farm boy who attends the country schools and works in the fields. He early became familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist and he learned the value of industry and perseverance. When twenty-one years of age he was married and came to Cedar county, Iowa, arriving in the fall of 1856, in company with his uncle. He located in the Honey Grove neighborhood, four miles northeast of West Branch. After his marriage he began farming on his own account and was continuously identified with the cultivation of the

soil until six years ago, when he came to West Branch. He was the owner of twenty-five acres of good land, which he brought under a high state of cultivation and which upon his retirement from farm life he sold to his son, who now resides upon it. During the years which have since come and gone O. C. Pennock has given his attention to the banking business, having been president of the Citizens Savings Bank since 1903. Through the previous year he had been one of the directors of that institution and in assuming its control he brought to the management of the business keen discernment and unfaltering enterprise, together with a comprehensive knowledge of the banking business. He is also interested in real estate and has made extensive and judicious investment in property. He is likewise the president of the West Branch Electric Light Company.

Mr. Pennock was united in marriage to Miss Anna Hawley, who was born in Stark county, Ohio, in 1848, and in 1852 came to Iowa with her parents, Joseph and Alice Hawley. She died in 1887. By her marriage she had become the mother of six children: Samuel, who died at the age of twenty-six years, leaving a widow and two children; Alice, the wife of Fred Alban, of West Branch; Charles O., a resident of Oklahoma; Mary, who died at the age of nineteen years; A. L., living on the home farm; and Linna, the wife of John Thompson, of West Branch.

In his political views Mr. Pennock has always been a stalwart republican, supporting the party from the time when in his youthful ardor, at the age of ten years, he awakened the anger of the two men by hurrahing for Fremont. While living upon the farm he served as justice of the peace for twenty years and for four years has held the same office in town. He has likewise been a member of the school board and is a member of the Presbyterian church. It is thus evident that he is interested in the political, intellectual and moral progress of the community as well as in its business advancement, and all who know him recognize in him a valued citizen.

CHARLES S. ALEXANDER.

Charles S. Alexander, a progressive and enterprising farmer and stockman of Cedar county, is the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 29, Pioneer township, and has brought the place under a high state of cultivation and improvement. His birth occurred on the farm where he now resides, his natal day being May 8, 1859.

His father, J. C. Alexander, who was born in New York in 1812, was thrown upon his own resources early in life, being left an orphan at the age of seven years. When a young man he established his home in the west, being married in Linn county, Iowa, to Miss Susan Smyth, a native of Ireland, who spent the first fifteen years of her life in that country. General agricultural pursuits claimed his attention throughout his active business career and his first purchase of land made him the owner of a tract of eighty acres, which he cleared and developed. As his financial resources increased he extended the boundaries of the farm by additional purchase until it embraced one hundred and eighty-five

acres of land in Linn and Cedar counties, being located on the county line. He served in the capacity of justice of the peace and also held other local offices of honor and trust. He passed away on the 9th of August, 1876, when sixty-four years of age, being long survived by his wife, who was called to her final rest on the 30th of October, 1904. Unto them were born three sons and three daughters, the record of whom is as follows: William, who was reared and married in this county, remained a successful business man of Mount Vernon until the time of his death, which occurred on the 12th of August, 1909. Robert J. is now engaged in business at Waukon, Iowa. Charles S., of this review, is the next in order of birth. Jennie and Anna M. are both residents of Mount Vernon, Iowa. Martha E. is the wife of W. H. Cook, of Webster City, Iowa.

Charles S. Alexander was reared on the home farm and supplemented his early education, obtained in the common schools, by one year's study at Cornell College. Soon after his father's demise he took charge of the old homestead place, purchased the interest of the other heirs therein and succeeded to the ownership of the farm. He has since remodeled the house, erected a large, substantial basement barn, fenced the fields and in fact has made practically all of the improvements which now adorn the property. In connection with the tilling of the soil he devotes considerable attention to the raising and feeding of stock, fattening from one to two carloads of hogs annually. He has gained an enviable reputation as a breeder of and dealer in pure-blooded Duroc Jersey hogs and is widely recognized as one of the substantial and representative citizens of his community. In addition to his land in Pioneer township, Cedar county, he owns a half interest in a forty-acre tract adjoining, which is located in Linn county.

Mr. Alexander has been married twice. In 1890, in Linn county, he wedded Miss Nora J. Kohl, a native of Jones county, Iowa, and a daughter of D. F. Kohl, whose brother, Duane Kohl, is mentioned on another page of this work. Mrs. Nora Alexander was called to her final rest in 1905, leaving one son, Charles K. In 1907, at Mount Vernon, our subject was united in marriage to Miss Cora Cowan, a native of Linn county and a daughter of J. C. Cowan.

In politics Mr. Alexander is a stanch democrat but the honors and emoluments of office have never had any attraction for him. Having resided in Cedar county throughout his entire life—a period of fifty-one years—he is largely familiar with its annals from pioneer times to the present and has witnessed a most wonderful transformation as frontier conditions have given way before the onward march of civilization.

ROBERT MELVIN CARL.

Robert Melvin Carl was reared in an environment that developed a spirit of enterprise, for his youthful days were spent upon the frontier of Iowa, where because of the unsettled condition of the country the pioneers had to put forth every effort and avail themselves of every opportunity to establish comfortable homes and gain a good living. He is a native of Cedar county, born on his present farm on section 18, Red Oak township, July 29, 1849, and for many years was

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actively identified with general agricultural pursuits but is now practically living retired, save for the management which he gives to his invested interests. He is a representative of one of the oldest families of the county, his uncle, Charles Dallas, being one of the first three men to settle in Red Oak township in 1836, who resided here until 1849 and then went to California, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Elza H. Carl, the father of our subject, was born near Dayton, Ohio, and in that state was reared and educated, but when a young man accompanied his parents on their removal to this county, where he entered the land now occupied by our subject. In his farming operations he steadily prospered and as time passed added to his property until he was the owner of five hundred and twenty acres of very valuable and productive land. In this county he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Dallas, who was born near Aberdeen, Scotland, in December, 1817. She was about ten years of age when her family emigrated to the new world and from New York they came to Cedar county, Iowa. Her father, Robert Dallas, died in this county. His children were Charles, William, Gordon, Sarah, Mrs. Anna Peat, Mrs. Mary Cousins and Margaret. All are now deceased with the exception of Mrs. Carl, who makes her home with her daughter in Stanwood. She is the mother of five children, namely: Mary, the wife of Thomas Alexander, of Stanwood; Robert Melvin, of this review; Sarah, the wife of M. H. Somes, of Stanwood; Flora, the wife of Frederick Brown, of Tipton; and Gordon, also a resident of Tipton.

Until he attained his majority Robert M. Carl remained with his parents and by the assistance he rendered his father in the operation of the home farm became thoroughly familiar with agricultural pursuits. On starting out in life for himself he worked by the month for one year and then embarked in mercantile business at Stanwood with his brother-in-law, M. H. Somes, under the firm name of Carl & Somes. This connection continued about three years, but at the end of that time he removed to Adair county, Iowa, and resumed farming, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he broke and improved. On selling that place he went to Jones county, where he also purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land and engaged in its operation for about five years. Disposing of that tract, he bought eighty acres in Red Oak township, Cedar county, which he owned for two or three years, and then purchased one hundred and seven acres adjoining the corporation limits of Stanwood, this being his home for about three years. When he disposed of that property he removed to a one hundred and sixty acre farm north of Stanwood, owning that place for about the same length of time. He next owned and operated a farm east of Tipton for five or six years and for a time had two hundred and forty acres south of that city but never resided upon the latter place. In the spring of 1905 he settled on his present farm, which consists of two hundred and eighty acres of well improved and valuable land on sections 7 and 18, Red Oak township. At present, however, he is not actively engaged in agricultural pursuits, as he rents his farm and makes his home with the man operating it.

Mr. Carl was united in marriage to Miss Alma Olive Johnson, a native of Jones county, who was born August 25, 1863, and died September 3, 1894. She was a daughter of Robert and Mary Johnson, who now make their home in

Anamosa. The children born to our subject and his wife were: May, who died at the age of sixteen years; Daisy E., the wife of William Stevens of Jones county, Iowa; Forrest, who now rents a part of his father's farm; Lyle, a resident of Tipton; Gilbert, who died in infancy; and Vernon, who died at the age of two years.

In business affairs Mr. Carl has shown excellent ability and sound judgment in his investments and as the years have gone by he has won substantial success. He votes the democratic ticket but is not an office seeker. He is widely and favorably known throughout his native county and has the confidence and good will of all.

HENRY BEINKE.

Henry Beinke, a general farmer and stock-raiser of Farmington township, was born in Scott county, Iowa, on the 17th of February, 1860, his parents being Henry and Louisa (Illian) Beinke. The father's birth occurred in the province of Westphalia on the 19th of September, 1820, while the mother was born in Waldeck, Germany, on the 7th of May, 1825. Henry Beinke, Sr., came to the United States on the 1st of January, 1845, and worked in the cities of New York, Plymouth and Boston until 1851. In that year he returned to Germany but at the end of six weeks again emigrated to the new world, first locating in New York and subsequently in Plymouth. In the spring of 1852 he went to California and afterward removed to Australia, where he worked in the mines for two years, on the expiration of which period he journeyed to South America and the Isthmus of Panama. In 1856 he took up his abode in Scott county, Iowa, and lived in Hickory Grove township until 1862, when he removed to Cleona township, there making his home until called to his final rest on the 4th of March, 1902. He owned and operated a well improved farm near Walcott and won success in his agricultural interests. His political allegiance was given to the republican party, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church. His wife died on the 4th of July, 1902, also passing away in the faith of the Lutheran church.

Their children were six in number, namely: Lena, who is the widow of William Schade and makes her home in O'Brien county, Iowa; Henry, of this review; Rekey, who is the wife of Henry Muhs, of O'Brien county, Iowa; Louis, whose demise occurred on the 17th of March, 1901; Charles, who is a resident of Walcott, Iowa; and Mary, who is the wife of Herman Cook and resides on the old homestead in Scott county, Iowa.

Henry Beinke, Jr., attended the district schools of Scott county in pursuit of an education and after putting aside his text-books assisted his father in the operation of the home farm until 1888. In that year he came to Cedar county and took up his abode on a tract of one hundred and sixty acres on section 2, Farmington township, renting the place from his father. Subsequently he removed to a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 16, Farmington township, belonging to his father's estate, which is not yet settled. That farm

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has remained his place of abode continuously since and his labors as an agriculturist have been rewarded with success. In connection with the tilling of the soil he devotes considerable attention to the raising of stock, which branch of his business has also proved profitable.

On the 14th of February, 1899, in Davenport, Mr. Beinke was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Jensen, a daughter of Nicholas and Annie (Thompson) Jensen, who were natives of Germany and settled in Cedar county on coming to the new world. Nicholas Jensen passed away in 1900 but is still survived by his wife, who makes her home with her son-in-law, Peter Leopenteen, of this county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Beinke were born six children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are as follows: Henry L. C., whose natal day was December 28, 1899; Lillie N., whose birth occurred on the 23d of January, 1902; Lulu L., born on the 8th of August, 1903; Clarinda C., who was born on the 23d of May, 1905; Vernie May, who first opened her eyes to the light of day on the 2d of May, 1907.

Mr. Beinke supports the democracy where national questions and issues are involved but casts an independent ballot at local elections. His fraternal relations are with the Knights of Pythias at Sunbury, while in religious faith he is a Lutheran. His wife also belongs to the church of that denomination. Having resided in this part of the state from his birth to the present time, Mr. Beinke is well known here and his fellow townsmen give him their respect and confidence in recognition of the upright and honorable life that he has led.

WILLIAM SMITH SPEAR.

Thirty-seven years cover the life record of William Smith Spear to the present writing in 1910. He was born September 12, 1873, on the farm on which he now resides on section 31, Dayton township, and is not only busily engaged in cultivating the fields but also raises and feeds stock, making a specialty of Aberdeen Angus cattle and Shire horses. His business ability is manifest in the fact that he is successful in managing his place of two hundred and forty acres and that he keeps it in a condition which wins it classification with the well improved and valuable farms of Cedar county.

His father, John Spear, was a native of Ireland and became one of the early settlers of Iowa. Devoting his attention to agricultural pursuits, he prospered by reason of his capable management and unfaltering diligence. Year by year he added to his competence and at length retired to private life, making his home in Stanwood at the present time, his former labors giving him the capital that now enables him to rest from further business cares.

William Smith Spear was reared upon the old homestead farm where he was born and where he now resides. The place is therefore endeared to him through the association of boyhood and youth as well as of manhood. At the usual age he entered the district school and when he had mastered the branches of learning therein taught he had the benefit of further instruction in the Clarence high school. Later he pursued a commercial course in Davenport and was thus

well qualified for the conduct of important and growing business interests. When his school days were over he returned to the farm to assist in carrying on the work of the home place, and when his father removed to Stanwood about 1907 William Smith Spear took charge of the farm and has concentrated his energies upon its further improvement. He has torn out the old hedge fence and put in woven wire, has replaced primitive machinery with modern agricultural implements, has rotated his crops and made judicious use of fertilizers so that the land has been kept in good condition. His labors have been resultant and his success places him with the leading farmers and stock-raisers of the community. Since taking charge of the farm he has engaged quite extensively in breeding and raising Aberdeen Angus cattle. His father was said to have had the first cattle of that kind in Cedar county, and the son has found them profitable. He is now a member of the Angus Cattle Association and through his efforts has done much to improve the grade of stock raised in the county.

William S. Spear was married in Stanwood in November, 1897, to Miss Clara Nordhaus, who was born, reared and educated at that place. They now have one son, William Everett Spear, a bright little lad of two years, who adds much to the joy of the household. Mrs. Spear is a member of the Stanwood Methodist church. Mr. Spear is progressive in all matters of citizenship as well as in business and has given material aid to various projects for the public good. What he undertakes in a business way he accomplishes for he allows no difficulty nor obstacle to bar his path if it can be overcome by persistent and honorable effort.

EBENEZER A. GRAY.

In the history of the pioneer development of Cedar county Ebenezer A. Gray deserves mention, for he came to this part of the state in pioneer times and was closely associated with its early development and progress. Iowa was still under territorial rule at the time of his arrival and all of the experiences and privations of pioneer life were to be met, but, as in all unsettled districts, there were also opportunities to be enjoyed.

Ebenezer A. Gray was a native of Harrison county, Ohio, and in that state was reared and educated. Having arrived at adult age, he was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Bolon, a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, who in her girlhood days accompanied her parents on their removal to Ohio. There she became acquainted with Mr. Gray and the friendship, ripening into love, was consummated in marriage. The young couple began their domestic life in the Buckeye state and frontier experiences became familiar to them in that district, for the work of progress and civilization had not been carried forward to any great extent in Ohio. They continued their residence there until 1839, when they sought a home in Iowa, taking up their abode in Cedar county. As one travels over this section of the state and sees its finely developed farms it is almost impossible to realize what were the conditions which met Mr. and Mrs. Gray when they took up their abode here. All around was the wild and unbroken prairie, starred with

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a million wild flowers in June and in December covered with one dazzling and unbroken sheet of snow. Only here and there had a settlement been made indicating that the work of reclamation had been begun here. Much of the land was still in possession of the government and Mr. Gray entered one hundred and sixty acres in Iowa township, which he secured for a nominal price. He at once began the arduous task of breaking the sod and cultivating the fields and in time brought his farm under a high state of improvement. Being a gunsmith by trade, he was in the employ of the government for some time, repairing guns used in the Indian wars, specimens of which are now on exhibition in Des Moines, but his attention was mainly given to agricultural pursuits.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Gray were eight children: Amanda, who married Daniel Ellyson and is now deceased; Thomas, a resident of West Liberty, Iowa; Alfred, a resident of Atlantic, this state; Mary and Caroline, who died in infancy; Ann, the wife of Joseph Westfall, who died during his service in the Civil war, while her death occurred in Iowa township; F. M; and William, of West Branch, Iowa. Ebenezer A. Gray is still represented in this county by his descendants, his grandson, Charles O. Gray, being mentioned on another page of this volume. Mr. Gray was ever a worthy citizen of the community, whose labors were of value in the pioneer development of this portion of the state.

WILBER W. WATERS.

Wilber W. Waters, who is identified with general farming interests in Cedar county, owning a farm of one hundred and twelve and a half acres which is divided by the boundary line between Cedar and Muscatine counties, has through well directed energy and thrift made steady progress in his business and is meeting with substantial success. He is yet a young man and undoubtedly further advancement awaits him, for his strong characteristics are those which are indispensable elements in prosperity.

He was born in Springdale township, Cedar county, November 21, 1885, and is a son of M. B. Waters, one of the early residents of the township, of whom extended mention is made on another page of this work. His education was acquired in the district schools, supplemented by a term's study in the high school at West Liberty. As a young man he assisted his father in the development and improvement of the home farm and later rented that property, which he cultivated for three years. Carefully saving his earnings, he was then enabled to purchase a farm of his own, becoming owner of one hundred and twelve and a half acres, of which sixty acres is located on section 34, Springdale township, Cedar county, and the remainder in Muscatine county. His time is given to general farming and stock-raising. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he makes a specialty of Chester White hogs and also is engaged quite largely in raising mules. Both branches of his business are bringing him substantial return.

On the 24th of December, 1906, Mr. Waters was married to Miss Emma Rummells, a daughter of Henry Rummells, of Johnson county, and they have

one child, Marie. Theirs is a hospitable home—a favorite resort with their many friends. Mr. Waters votes with the republican party but has no time nor inclination for public office, preferring to concentrate his energies entirely upon his business affairs, which are growing in volume and importance and are bringing to him a well merited reward for his labor.

B. H. HAMBRIGHT.

B. H. Hambright is perhaps one of the best known stockmen not only of Cedar county but throughout various sections of the state, for he breeds and raises stock on a very extensive scale, having since 1907 managed the interests of the Woody Crest Stock Farm, in which he is associated with John Willer. Mr. Hambright is a native of Scotland, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, born on the 21st of September, 1877, the fifth in a family of nine children, of whom seven survive, his parents being T. A. and Sarah (Etter) Hambright, who were likewise natives of Scotland, Pennsylvania. The father for many years operated a threshing machine but in his later years supervised the interests of the agricultural department of the Soldiers Orphans School, a state institution at Scotland. He died August 8, 1909, when sixty-two years of age, but his widow is still living.

B. H. Hambright remained under the parental roof until he had reached the age of nine years and at that tender age hired out by the month as a farm hand, being thus engaged for twelve years. In the meantime, however, he sought the broader opportunities of the middle west and in 1895 journeyed to Cedar county, where three years were spent at farm labor in the employ of others. In 1898 he began farming in partnership with Frank Wingert, this connection continuing for two years, during which time Mr. Hambright engaged in general farming and raised stock. At the end of that time he rented a farm and for seven years continued business alone but on the expiration of that period, about 1907, John Willer made him a proposition to remove to the Woody Crest Stock Farm, which he owned, Mr. Hambright to manage the same and share equally with Mr. Willer in the profits derived from their stock-raising interests. Mr. Hambright accepted this offer and at once took up his abode on the place, which has since been his home. He raises and breeds stock on a very extensive scale and has won a wide reputation in this particular field. He makes a specialty of Aberdeen Angus cattle, feeding about four carloads each year, while he raises about forty-five head annually. He also keeps Shire horses and breeds from eight to twelve head each year. He has an imported stallion, Joliet Wolf, valued at two thousand dollars, which took first premium in his class and was reserve champion at the International Stock Show held in Chicago in 1907 and has also taken the first premium at three state fairs. Mr. Hambright also breeds about three hundred head of Duroc Jersey hogs each year and has become known as the most extensive breeder of horses, cattle and hogs in Cedar county, the Woody Crest Stock Farm, comprising four hundred and seventeen acres, located three miles south of Tipton, being known as the home of as fine grade of animals

as can be found in the country. He has made a close study of the stock business in all its details and this constitutes the basis of his success.

In 1898, at Clinton, Iowa, occurred the marriage of Mr. Hambright and Miss Bessie E. Waddell, who was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, February 17, 1878, a daughter of James and Eveline Waddell of the Keystone state. Mrs. Waddell died there in February, 1910, but the father is still living in Pennsylvania. By her marriage Mrs. Hambright has become the mother of two sons: Paul Albert, born July 14, 1899; and Harold Theodore, born December 11, 1900.

Mr. Hambright is largely a self-educated as well as self-made man, for, starting out at the early age of nine years he has through the inherent force of his nature and the utilization of opportunities passed from the unknown to prominence, advancing from the humble position of a farm hand to a position of distinction in the stock-raising circles of the great state of Iowa.

GEORGE W. GAREY.

One of the most modern and attractive country homes to be found in Cedar county stands on the Spruce Knoll Farm, which is owned by George W. Garey and comprises two hundred and fifty-five acres. Energy and perseverance are chief characteristics in the life of Mr. Garey, as will be noted by the fact that he today possesses three hundred and thirty-five acres of as good land as can be found in the great state of Iowa and all has been acquired through his own efforts.

He was born in Bedford county, Maryland, July 3, 1858, and when but five years of age was brought to Cedar county by his parents, George P. and Margaret Ann (Comp) Garey, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Pennsylvania, born June 11, 1823, and August 20, 1833, respectively. They were married in the Keystone state in 1850, after which they made their home in Maryland until coming to Cedar county in 1863. The father engaged in farming near Tipton and he and his wife still make their home in this section of the state. Their children, seven in number, of whom two are deceased, are as follows: John, a resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Belle, the wife of William Vest, of Missouri; George W., of this review; Jennie, who became the wife of Andrew Dickerson and is now deceased; Ella, the wife of Charles Perkins, of South Omaha, Nebraska; Bertha, who has departed this life; and Mary, the wife of William McCabe, of Tipton.

George W. Garey acquired his education in the public school at Tipton but began to earn his own livelihood at the early age of nine years, working as a farm hand by the month. He was thus employed until he reached the age of twenty-five, when he began farming for himself by operating rented land for several years. His first purchase was a tract of eighty acres on section 9, Center township. In 1894 he bought one hundred and twenty acres and later added an adjoining tract of one hundred and thirty-five acres, so that in his home place he has two hundred and fifty-five acres, situated on sections 16 and 17,

Center township, while his total possessions aggregate three hundred and thirty-five acres in that township. On his place in 1906 he erected a modern home, which is supplied with all conveniences and accessories for the comfort of the inmates, while the barns and outbuildings are arranged with a view to convenience and are kept in good repair. Mr. Garey carries on general farming and makes the raising of hogs one of the principal features of his work, keeping about three hundred head annually.

Mr. Garey was married in 1884, the lady of his choice being Miss Lucy Culver, who in 1865 was born on the farm which is still her home. Her father, Orace M. Culver, was born near Cleveland, Ohio, June 14, 1821, and came to Cedar county in 1838 when a young man of eighteen years. He was married in this county at the age of twenty-two to Miss Lucy A. Cook and one daughter graced this marriage, Cornelia, now the wife of J. H. Bolton, of Tipton. Mr. Culver was married a second time, in 1848, this union being with Barbara Catharine Harry, who was born near Corydon, Indiana, in December, 1826. She became the mother of nine children, of whom eight reached years of maturity, the family record being as follows: John G., deceased; Alfred L., of Adair county, Iowa; Jennie P., also of Adair county; Orace Alvah, deceased; William P., of Adair county; Walter, who died in infancy; Dolby R., deceased; Lucy, now Mrs. Garey; and Blanche N., who died at the age of twenty years. The mother of these children departed this life on the 7th of May, 1895, while the father died in Adair county in January, 1907, when he had reached the extreme old age of eighty-six years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Garey have been born two sons and one daughter, John, Blanche and Charley, all at home.

Mr. Garey deserves much credit for what he has accomplished in life, for he started out to earn his own living when most boys at such an age would indulge in the sports and pleasures of youth. He has worked diligently and persistently as the years have come and gone and today the Spruce Knoll Farm stands as the visible evidence of what he has accomplished in the business world.

GEORGE HAMANN.

George Hamann, a respected and worthy resident of Durant, won the competence that now enables him to live retired through the careful conduct of his agricultural interests in former years and is still the owner of four hundred acres of valuable land in Fairfield and Farmington townships. He is a native of Germany, his birth having occurred in Holstein on the 5th of August, 1853. In 1858 his parents crossed the Atlantic to the United States and, making their way direct to Iowa, arrived in Davenport on the 15th of May of that year. They remained at that place for six months, the father working in a brickyard at a wage of seventy-five cents per day and receiving instead of cash a slip of paper each Saturday night which entitled him to go to the store and purchase groceries for his family. In November, 1858, he removed with his wife and five children to Le Claire, Scott county, where he secured employment as a farm hand, receiving one hundred and eighty dollars for his services at the end of a year.

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Subsequently he went to Clinton county, where he was actively engaged in the cultivation of rented land for seven years. On the expiration of that period he purchased a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Cleona township, Scott county, paying forty dollars an acre for the property. The operation of that place claimed his attention until about 1890, when he leased the farm to his son and took up his abode in Durant, where he lived in honorable retirement until called to his final rest in 1904. The demise of his wife had occurred in 1896.

George Hamann, who was but a little lad of five years when brought to the new world by his parents, has resided within the borders of the state of Iowa continuously since. Under the direction of his father he early gained practical knowledge of the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops and throughout his active business career wisely followed the occupation to which he had been reared. He was married when about twenty-three years of age and following that important event in his life remained on his father-in-law's farm in Muscatine county for two years. During the second year his crops were destroyed by a hail storm and in the spring of 1878 he established his home in Farmington township, Cedar county, where he successfully carried on agricultural pursuits until 1903. He then put aside the active work of the fields and during the following six years lived retired at Bennett. Since June, 1909, however, he has made his home in Durant. His property holdings include four hundred acres of well improved and highly productive land, one hundred and sixty acres thereof lying in Fairfield township and the remainder in Farmington township. He likewise owns a fine residence in Durant and the prosperity which he now enjoys is all the more creditable by reason of the fact that it is attributable entirely to his untiring industry, indefatigable energy and good business management.

On the 16th of February, 1876, Mr. Hamann was united in marriage to Miss Emma C. Jockheck, a daughter of E. F. and Sophia Jockheck, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this volume. Their home has been blessed with seven children, six daughters and one son. Amanda S., whose birth occurred in Muscatine county on the 19th of November, 1876, is now the wife of William Trede, of Farmington township. Erena C., who was born in Farmington township on the 10th of September, 1878, is the wife of Fritz Schlunsen and resides on the old homestead. Regina M., who was born in Farmington township on the 19th of June, 1880, gave her hand in marriage to Albert Langmann, of Inland township. Hulda L., whose birth occurred in Farmington township on the 15th of April, 1883, is the widow of Herman Langmann and makes her home in Durant. Sophia Jane, who was born in Farmington township on the 24th of December, 1889, is still at home. George L., whose birth occurred in Farmington township on the 16th of May, 1892, is employed in the Scott County Savings Bank of Davenport. Norma D., born in Farmington township, August 16, 1895, attends the Durant public school.

Mr. Hamann's political views are in accord with republican principles but he does not consider himself bound by party ties and frequently casts an independent ballot, taking into consideration the capability of a candidate rather than his party affiliation. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to several positions of public trust. He is a member of the village

council of Durant and served in a similar capacity while a resident of Bennett, this county. He has likewise acted as justice of the peace, school director and road supervisor in Farmington township, ever discharging his official duties in a most satisfactory and praiseworthy manner. Both he and his wife were reared in the faith of the Presbyterian church. They have a host of friends that is constantly increasing as the circle of their acquaintance broadens and all who know them speak of them in terms of warm regard.

GEORGE C. STATLER.

The proud position which Iowa has attained as one of the foremost agricultural states of the Union is attributable to the enterprising efforts of such men as George C. Statler who, living quietly upon his farm, puts forth persistent, earnest and effective effort in making the land productive and valuable. He is today the owner of an excellent property of two hundred and forty acres situated on section 12, Linn township, and the fields respond richly in large harvests, while the pastures afford an excellent feeding ground for the stock which he raises.

He was born at Linn Grove, March 11, 1866, and is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of the county. His father, Christopher Statler, was a native of Pennsylvania and accompanied his parents on their removal with their family to Ohio, at which time a settlement was made in Holmes county, where Christopher Statler spent the days of his youth and reached his majority. When a young man he continued on his westward way, reaching Linn Grove, Iowa, where he established a blacksmith shop, having previously learned the trade. At that time his shop was the only one between the Statler place and Muscatine. For a number of years he continued blacksmithing, doing much work for the early settlers of the community, and when the capital which he had saved from his earnings justified the purchase he invested in eighty acres of raw land, constituting the nucleus of the farm upon which George C. Statler now resides. The father at once began to break the sod and prepare the fields for cultivation and in the course of time bounteous harvests were gathered where the prairie grass was formerly found. He fenced the land, erected substantial buildings and developed the farm along progressive lines. In his work he prospered and his success enabled him to extend the boundaries of his place until it comprised two hundred and forty acres. Here he reared his family and spent his remaining days. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Similda Parker, was born in Ohio and in her girlhood came to Iowa with her father, Samuel Parker, who was one of the early settlers from Ohio. Christian Statler remained a resident of Cedar county until his death, which occurred in 1881 when he was fifty years of age. His wife survived him for a long period, her death occurring in December, 1909. Their family numbered three sons and two daughters: George C.; Charles, a resident of California; May, the wife of C. E. Batdorf of Berkeley, California; Ida, the wife of Charles Rhoads, a farmer of Pioneer township; and William, deceased.

The home farm was the playground of George C. Statler during his youthful days and also his training school for life's practical duties. He remained with his father until the latter's death and in his youthful days supplemented his primary education, obtained in the common schools, by six months' study in the high school at Mechanicsville. He remained upon the home place until after his father's death and then purchased the interest of the other heirs in the property. His time has been busily passed in cultivating the fields and raising and feeding cattle and hogs, his live-stock interests constituting an important factor in his business, for he ships from three to five carloads of fat stock each year and keeping the animals in good condition, he secures for them a ready sale on the market, thus materially augumenting his annual income.

Mr. Statler was married in Red Oak township in 1896 to Miss Phebe Murray, a daughter of William Murray, a native of Cedar county. They began their domestic life on the old Statler farm and there Mrs. Statler passed away April 28, 1909.

Politically Mr. Statler is a democrat, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him, although he is now serving his second term as township trustee. He has likewise been officially identified with the schools for a number of years and has been a delegate to the county conventions of his party. The Masonic fraternity finds in him an exemplary representative. He belongs to the lodge and chapter of Mechanicsville and to the commandery at Anamosa, also to the Mystic Shrine at Cedar Rapids. His has been a well spent life and its salient features have gained him the favorable regard of all with whom social or business relations have brought him in contact. His reliability in business affairs is well known, and he is today the owner of one of the excellent farms of Linn township. He has rented his land, while his attention is now given to the raising and feeding of stock, and he is recognized as one of the leading stockmen of this section of the state. While his business interests are growing in volume and importance, he does not allow this to detract from his public-spirited interest in the general welfare nor prevent his cooperation in movements which he believes will prove of benefit to the community.

CARL SCHAEFER.

Carl Schaefer, the owner of a quarter section of land in Farmington township, has won a well merited measure of prosperity in the conduct of his agricultural interests and has long been numbered among the substantial and respected citizens of the community. His birth occurred in Germany on the 8th of September, 1854, his parents being Carl and Elizabeth Schaefer, who spent their entire lives in that country. He acquired a good practical education in the schools of the fatherland and after putting aside his text-books learned the stone-mason's trade, working at that occupation for four years prior to his emigration to the new world.

The year 1870 witnessed his arrival in the United States and for about three months afterward he was employed as a stone mason. Subsequently he

began working as a farm hand in Scott county, Iowa, being thus busily engaged for ten years. On the expiration of that period he rented one hundred and twenty acres of land in Scott county, devoting his attention to its cultivation until the time of his removal to Muscatine county, where he rented a farm of three hundred acres. By dint of unremitting industry and good management he eventually accumulated capital sufficient to enable him to purchase land of his own, coming into possession of a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Farmington township, Cedar county, where he has carried on his agricultural interests continuously since. He has erected a fine new residence and has made improvements on the place until it is now lacking in none of the equipments and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Schaefer chose Miss Caroline Sharfe, whose parents spent their entire lives in Germany. Unto our subject and his wife have been born seven children, all of whom still survive, namely: Tillie, who is the wife of George Reimers and resides in Durant; Lizzie, at home; Minnie, who wedded Louis Krebs, of Scott county; and Tina, Louis, William and Caroline, all of whom are yet under the parental roof.

Mr. Schaefer is a democrat in politics and has served as school director for nine years, the cause of education ever finding in him a stanch champion. His fraternal relations are with the Knights of Pythias at Sunbury, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Lutheran church, to which his wife and children also belong. The period of his residence in this part of the state now covers four decades and he is therefore widely and favorably known here. He is numbered among those who left the fatherland to identify themselves with American life and institutions, who have pushed their way to the front and who are a credit alike to the land of their birth and that of their adoption.

JOEL M. WALKER.

After many years of busy activity, characterized by well directed effort and intelligently applied labor, Joel M. Walker is now living retired in the enjoyment of a handsome competency which ranks him foremost among the men of affluence in West Liberty, Iowa. Born in Belmont county, Ohio, May 27, 1850, he is a son of Lewis M. and Elizabeth (Oxley) Walker, natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and Belmont county, Ohio, respectively. The family home was established in Cedar county, Iowa, in 1854, and in Iowa township, that county, both parents passed away, the father in 1896, when seventy-four years of age, and the mother on the 24th of December, 1909, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. In their family were two children: Joel M., of this review, and P. L., of Columbus, Ohio.

The elder son was but four years of age when brought by his parents to Iowa, the journey being made by way of the Ohio river to the Mississippi and up the latter stream to Muscatine, from which place they traveled overland to Iowa

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MRS. JOEL M. WALKER

township, Cedar county. There on the home farm Joel M. Walker was reared to manhood, and during the period of his boyhood and youth assisted in the cultivation of the fields, becoming familiar with the various phases of farm life. Because there were no schools near enough for him to attend, his educational training was necessarily very meager, and he was twelve years of age before the opportunity presented itself for him to study, his course even then being limited to two summers and a part of a winter. Broad reading and observation, however, extended his general knowledge, and in the school of experience he learned many valuable lessons concerning life and its responsibilities. Upon attaining man's estate he wisely chose the occupation to which he had been reared as his life work and began his independent career as the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 28, Iowa township, which served as the nucleus of his later extensive holdings. A keen business man, he also possessed a laudable ambition to succeed and a spirit of energy, enterprise and determination which not only stimulated his efforts in early manhood but have proved salient qualities throughout his entire life. As the years passed and he prospered he added to his original purchase until he possessed three hundred acres on section 28, all in one body, and also became the owner of several smaller tracts, one of sixty acres, another of eleven acres and twenty acres of timber land, his aggregate possessions amounting to four hundred and fifty-one acres of rich Iowa land. Naturally fertile, it responded readily to the care and attention bestowed upon it and annually yielded rich harvests. Under his wise management the home farm became one of the most highly cultivated and valuable properties in the locality, equipped with a five thousand dollar residence and other modern and up-to-date improvements to the value of ten thousand dollars, including private waterworks and everything that goes to make up a model farm of the twentieth century. Mr. Walker is one of the stockholders of the Citizens Bank of West Liberty.

In 1875 Mr. Walker was united in marriage to Miss Maria P. Gifford, who was born in Morgan county, Ohio, March 7, 1852. In the year 1854 she was brought to Iowa by her parents, Burton and Rebecca Gifford, both of whom passed away in Iowa township, Cedar county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Walker were born six children, namely: Clare, the wife of William Branson, of Springdale; Loretta, who married Charles McCann, of Iowa township, Cedar county; Vera and Glen, twins, who married Robert and Alma Pinney, respectively, who were also brother and sister and resided in Iowa township; Zella, the wife of Fred Ridenour, of Iowa township; and Wilma, yet at home. All of the children have had good educational advantages, being graduates of the Springdale high school with the exception of Vera, who was compelled to give up her course on account of ill health. All are well established in life and have good homes, and all reside within the borders of Iowa township, Cedar county, so that a three-hours' ride in an automobile will permit Mr. Walker to visit any one of them.

Although reared by Quaker parents, Mr. Walker is now identified with the Presbyterian church, in which he and his wife hold membership and in the work of which they are actively and helpfully interested. A republican in politics, the honors and emoluments of office, however, have never held any attraction for him, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his private interests. Winning

notable success in his agricultural enterprise, his history indicates clearly the value and power of close application, of earnest endeavor and of honorable purpose, and as a result of these qualities he today ranks among the substantial and wealthy residents of this community.

DEAN A. BENNETT.

Dean A. Bennett now owns and carries on the old Bennett homestead farm of one hundred and eighty acres, situated on section 4, Linn township, in addition to which property he likewise cultivates another tract of forty acres. His life record is an illustration of what may be accomplished by earnest toil and persevering effort, and his example should serve as a source of encouragement and inspiration to others. His birth occurred on the farm where he now resides May 15, 1881, and his entire life has been passed in Cedar county.

His father, Tilghford Bennett, was born in Indiana in 1842 and was the son of Asa Bennett, who was one of the early settlers of Cedar county, arriving about 1852, at which time he bought the land and opened up the farm that is now known as the old homestead property. He became owner of four hundred acres and with characteristic energy he transformed the tract from wild prairie land into productive fields. He also built a house and barn and set out young trees, which now constitute a fine grove.

His son, Tilghford Bennett, was reared upon this farm and eventually succeeded to its ownership. Having arrived at years of maturity he married Miss Mary J. Filloon, a native of Cedar county and a daughter of William B. C. Filloon, one of the pioneers from Ohio. To provide for his family Mr. Bennett followed the occupation of farming, cultivating and improving his place as the years passed by, making a specialty of raising and feeding cattle. He reared his family upon his farm and spent his last days there, his death occurring in 1903. His wife died the following year and both were laid to rest in Mechanicsville cemetery. The father was one of the well known and prosperous farmers and business men of the community and the sterling traits of manhood which he displayed in every relation of life brought him the confidence and kindly regard of all who knew him. The family numbered five sons: Archie O., who is living in Medford, Oregon; William M., a resident of Lisbon; Virgil M., whose home is in Mechanicsville; Dean A.; and Rue, who is located in Glenwood, Iowa.

Dean A. Bennett was reared as was most farm boys but had superior educational opportunities inasmuch as he attended Cornell College at Mount Vernon, Iowa, after completing the common-school course, while later he pursued a course in the Cedar Rapids Business College. Liberal intellectual training, therefore, qualified him for the responsible duties of life. He remained with his father until the latter's death, after which he bought out two of the heirs and succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead, whereon he now resides. The place is a good property of one hundred and eighty acres, situated on section 4, Linn township, and in general farming and stock-raising Mr. Bennett is meeting with success. A large residence which he erected stands in the midst

of the farm and near by are good barns and outbuildings. He feeds and fattens Poland China hogs, keeping pure blooded stock, and is, moreover, well known as a breeder and dealer in shorthorn cattle. He has a herd of forty-five head of pure blooded and high grade shorthorns and is known as one of the prominent live-stock dealers of the county, his success in business being the result of close application, careful management and keen discernment.

Mr. Bennett was married in Linn township on the 8th of March, 1905, to Miss Dollie T. Stine, who was born and reared in this county and is a daughter of John Stine. Mrs. Bennett is a lady of liberal education. She attended Cornell College and afterward engaged in teaching for three years. She has become the mother of two children, Dean Audis and Mary Bueta.

The parents are members of the Coon Creek Methodist Episcopal church and are people of genuine personal worth, highly esteemed for their many excellent traits of character. Mr. Bennett belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp at Mechanicsville and politically is a democrat. He has served as township trustee but has not been active in his search for office, preferring to concentrate his time and energies upon business affairs that require his immediate attention and are bringing to him substantial success. He has always lived in this county and the fact that many of his warmest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time is an indication that his has been an honorable and upright life.

FRED E. BRITCHER.

Fred E. Britcher is the owner of Elmdale Stock Farm, a well kept property comprising two hundred and forty acres of good land on section 31, Dayton township. He also has another farm of one hundred and six acres near Clarence and is one of the well known and prosperous agriculturists of this part of the state. His birth occurred April 2, 1872, on the farm where he now resides and here he was reared and educated, his preliminary course, acquired in the common schools, being supplemented by study in the high school of Clarence. He afterward engaged in teaching for a few terms and imparted readily and clearly to others the knowledge he had acquired. He then took charge of the home farm for his father and managed its interests for some time before his father's death. His early training at farm labor well qualified him for this experience and his efforts have been attended with substantial and gratifying success.

Mr. Britcher was married in Dayton township on the 14th of September, 1900, to Miss Emma A. Miller, a native of Ohio, who was reared and educated in Cedar county, her father being Albert Miller, a well known farmer of Dayton township. The young couple at once began housekeeping upon the old Britcher homestead and in the intervening years Fred E. Britcher has made some notable improvements and changes on the place. He has rebuilt and remodeled the house, has put up a good barn, has divided the place into fields of convenient size by well kept fences, has enhanced the productiveness of the land by tilling

and has made other substantial improvements. There are now two sets of buildings upon the farm. In addition to his home property Mr. Britcher in 1909 purchased a tract of land of one hundred and six acres near Clarence and cultivates the greater part of it. He is widely known as a breeder of and dealer in shorthorn cattle and also raises and fattens cattle and hogs for the market, shipping from two to three carloads of cattle and from one hundred and fifty to two hundred head of hogs each year. Resolute purpose constitutes one of the elements of his success and he is justly ranked with the active and progressive business men and farmers of Dayton township.

Mr. and Mrs. Britcher have two children, James A. and Genevieve E. Mr. Britcher belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and his wife to the Presbyterian church. His political faith is given to the republican party and while he has never sought nor desired political office, he is now serving as president of the school board. His labors in behalf of education have been far-reaching and beneficial for he regards the public school as the bulwark of the nation and does everything he can to further its interests and promote its efficiency.

CHRISTOPHER H. F. NIENABER.

Christopher H. F. Nienaber, who passed away in Farmington township on the 25th of February, 1900, there carried on general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career, his labors being crowned with success. His birth occurred in St. Louis, Missouri, on the 10th of October, 1855, his parents being Frederick C. and Maria (Fintel) Nienaber, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father's natal day was June 14, 1818, his birthplace being Waldenhussen, Mecklenburg, while the mother was born in Hanover on the 1st of January, 1825. They were married in Germany and emigrated to the United States in the early '50s, first settling in St. Louis, Missouri, and later removing to Scott county, Iowa. There Frederick C. Nienaber followed farming throughout the remainder of his life, passing away in Walcott on the 26th of January, 1900. The demise of his wife there occurred on the 25th of January, 1887. Their children were ten in number, our subject being the fifth in order of birth.

Christopher H. F. Nienaber obtained his early education in the district schools of Scott county and later pursued a course of study in the German school at Luzerne, Iowa. He remained in Scott county with his father, assisting in the work of the fields, until twenty-one years of age, when he came to Cedar county, the year of his arrival here being 1876. Purchasing a quarter section of land in Farmington township, he there carried on general farming and stock-raising throughout the remainder of his life, winning a well merited prosperity in his undertakings as an agriculturist. At the time of his death, however, he had indebtedness against his land, which his widow and sons at once set about to liquidate and through faithful and persistent effort and careful management soon had the farm clear of incumbrance and the improvements since made on the farm denote the successful outcome of their endeavors. They have enlarged the house and erected a new barn, outbuildings, etc.

MR. AND MRS. C. H. F. NIENABER

On the 24th of February, 1881, near Durant, Iowa, Mr. Nienaber was joined in wedlock to Miss Maria Catherine Christine Horst, a daughter of Detlef and Anna Catherine Margaret (Sellhorn) Horst. The father was born in Hohenvestedt, Holstein, Germany, on the 30th of June, 1837, while the mother's birth likewise occurred in Barfeldt, Holstein, her natal day being December 30, 1833. Detlef Horst crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1855, first locating in Rock Island, Illinois, where he worked as a teamster for four years. On the expiration of that period he purchased a tract of land near Moline and in addition to farming also worked as a teamster for about eight years. He then came to Durant, Cedar county, Iowa, and rented a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, in Farmington township, being successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits in the vicinity of Durant for twenty years. Subsequently he embarked in business as the proprietor of a restaurant at Wilton, Iowa, conducting the same for about twenty years or until the time of his retirement. Both he and his wife still survive and make their home in Wilton. Unto them have been born eight children, Mrs. Nienaber being the eldest. Our subject and his wife became the parents of three children, all of whom are yet living. Edward Christopher, who was born on the 17th of May, 1882, wedded Miss Esther Globes and resides in Farmington township. Albert Detlef, whose birth occurred on the 18th of June, 1884, married Miss Mabel M. Lenker and lives on a farm adjoining that of his mother. Charles Adolph, whose natal day was April 29, 1888, is still at home with his mother.

Mr. Nienaber supported the democracy until the time of the free silver agitation, when he became an advocate of republican principles. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church, the teachings of which he exemplified in his daily life. His widow and children belong to the First Presbyterian church at Wilton. Mrs. Nienaber is a gentle, kindly woman, charitable in her estimate of every one, and has a host of warm friends.

C. L. AIKINS.

C. L. Aikins, actively engaged in general farming and stock-raising, in which direction his efforts are meeting with most satisfactory results, is one of Cedar county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Iowa township, about two miles from his present home, on the 25th of April, 1874.

His father, Albert A. Aikins, was born in Morgan county, Ohio, January 23, 1849, and when four years of age was taken to Henry county, Illinois, by his parents, Edmond W. and Mary D. (Cope) Aikins. There they remained until 1856, which year witnessed their arrival in Cedar county, Iowa, the family home being established in Iowa township. There Albert Aikins was reared to manhood and became identified with agricultural pursuits. He was the owner of two hundred and forty acres located on section 20, township 79, which he operated until 1900, when he withdrew from active life and removed to West Liberty. The farm, however, remained in his possession until about three years

ago. After his removal to the city he became very active in public affairs and business life there and is recognized as one of the prominent and influential citizens of the community. In 1897 he assisted in organizing the Iowa State Bank of West Liberty and remained a director thereof until he disposed of his interest. He is now a director and stockholder in the Citizens Savings Bank of West Liberty. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church, in which he is serving as one of the elders, and his fraternal relations are with the Masonic order, being a member of Mount Calvary Lodge, No. 95, A. F. & A. M. A republican in politics, he has been an active worker in party ranks and for six or eight years filled the office of township trustee.

In 1872 Albert A. Aikins was united in marriage to Catharine Buckman, a native of Maryland, where her birth occurred January 16, 1849. She was a daughter of Phineas and Cynthia (Robertson) Buckman, with whom she came to Iowa in 1855, the family locating in Muscatine county. By her marriage she became the mother of four children, as follows: C. L., of this review; Irwin, of West Liberty, where he is engaged as cashier of the Citizens Savings Bank; Ethel A., the wife of Louis A. Whitacre, also of that city; and Raymond A., in the employ of the postal service at West Liberty.

Spending the period of his boyhood and youth on the old homestead about two miles north of his present home and reared amid the busy activities of rural life, C. L. Aikins was early given a share in the work of the fields, becoming familiar with the tasks that fall to the lot of the country lad. By broad experience he gained a thorough knowledge of the various phases of farming, so that when he later took up agriculture as an independent venture, he was well equipped to meet the practical duties that devolved upon him in connection therewith. After attaining his majority he operated the home farm of two hundred and forty acres for about six years, and then purchased his present farm, a tract of eighty acres located on section 33, Iowa township, to the further development and cultivation of which he has since given his attention. As a result of his energy and perseverance he has brought the place under excellent condition, having erected a fine ten-room residence and made many other improvements, the farm today being one of the neat and valuable properties of the locality. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to the soil and climate he engages in stock-raising, making a specialty at the present time of the raising of sheep, and this branch of his business, as well as his general farming, is, under his wise management and careful direction, proving a source of a gratifying income.

On the 24th of February, 1898, Mr. Aikins was united in marriage to Miss Amy Crees, who was born in Iowa township on the 23d of March, 1872, and is a daughter of Henry and Mary (Walters) Crees, the former now deceased and the latter a resident of Iowa township. Her father was born February 27, 1831, and her mother September 27, 1839. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Aikins have been born three children, Ralph E., Alice C. and Mary.

Having spent their entire lives within the borders of Iowa township, the parents are well known throughout the locality in which they reside, and the hospitality of their home is enjoyed by a large number of warm friends. Deeply interested in the public life of the community, Mr. Aikins is an active worker

in republican ranks and served as assessor for four years. Public-spirited in citizenship, he ever casts the weight of his influence on the side of those measures which have for their object the upbuilding and development of the community, and he holds a prominent place among Iowa township's substantial and influential citizens.

RUDOLPH SEBELIEN.

A substantial and sturdy scion of the German race is Rudolph Sebelien, now living retired in Durant. He was born in the little village of Seelent in Holstein, Germany, September 8, 1837, his parents being Christian and Dorothy Sebelien. The father worked at the shoemaker's trade in his native country until 1853, when he came to American, settling at Davenport, Iowa. The mother had passed away before the family sailed for the new world. The father, thinking to find better opportunities in the United States than could be obtained in his native country, left Germany with his three sons, and Rudolph Sebelien, then sixteen years of age, began earning his living here, the financial resources of the family rendering it imperative that he gain immediate employment. His education had been acquired in the common schools of his native country. He spent three years at farm work in the employ of others and afterward aided his father in the cultivation of the fields upon the home place, Mr. Sebelien having purchased land in Farmington township, a part of which is still owned by his son Rudolph.

Reared to agricultural pursuits, the latter has always been connected with the work of tilling the soil and is today the owner of six hundred and forty acres of valuable land in Farmington township. His extensive possessions were acquired gradually. He carefully saved his earnings in early manhood until he had enough to purchase some land. He then began farming for himself and as the years have passed he has added to his holdings until he is now one of the extensive farmers of the community. Year by year he diligently cultivated his fields according to modern methods and his earnest labors resulted in good crops, for which he has ever found a ready sale on the market. He continued to actively carry on his large farming interests until 1908, when he retired and took up his home in Durant, where he expects to spend the remainder of his days in the quiet enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil.

On the 14th of June, 1883, Mr. Sebelien was united in marriage to Miss Lena Hamann, who was born in Holstein, Germany, November 23, 1848, and came with her parents to America in 1858. Her father, Henry Hamann, was a farmer of Scott county, Iowa, for many years but spent his last days in Durant, where he died about 1905. His wife passed away in Scott county in 1903. The wife of Mr. Sebelien was called to her final rest in 1895 and her death was deeply regretted by many friends as well as her immediate family. By her marriage she had become the mother of three children: Lena, who died at the age of seven years; Rudolph; and Louis. The former was born February 15, 1886, and now resides on the old homestead. He married Miss Lulu Ayres, a

daughter of Peter Ayres, of Inland township. Louis Sebelien was born July 12, 1887, and is living with his father in Durant.

Mr. Sebelien has usually affiliated with the democratic party at state and national elections but in local matters is independent and casts his ballot for the men who in his judgment are most capable and trustworthy. He was reared in the faith of the German Lutheran church and he and his wife attended its services. From an early age he has been dependent upon his own resources and his enterprise and close application have enabled him to triumph over difficulties and obstacles and work his way steadily upward. He receives and merits the confidence and good will of all, for his business activities balance up with the principles of truth and honor.

WILLIAM WULF.

Various business interests have claimed the time and attention of William Wulf, whose enterprise has constituted a strong feature in their success. He is now the president of the Durant Savings Bank and to his present enviable position in the business world he has attained through his own efforts, his industry, diligence and honesty constituting the salient points in his substantial progress.

He was born in Oldenburg, Germany, November 4, 1849, and is a son of Christ and Christina Wulf, who were likewise natives of that country, where they spent their entire lives, the father passing away there at the age of fifty-two years, while his wife, long surviving him, died at the advanced age of eighty-six years. Their family numbered four children, one of whom is deceased, while two are still living in Germany.

William Wulf therefore is the only representative of the family in America. His education was acquired in the common schools of his native land and after putting aside his text-books he began learning the blacksmith's trade, of which he gained a good working knowledge. He had passed the nineteenth milestone on life's journey when he determined to come to the United States, attracted by the favorable reports which he heard concerning the opportunities in the new world. Crossing the Atlantic, he made his way to Walcott, Iowa, where for three years and three months he worked at his trade.

On the 18th of October, 1872, Mr. Wulf came to Durant, where he opened a blacksmith shop and conducted business on his own account with good success until the 1st of March, 1881. In that year he turned his attention to the coal and weighing business, conducting public scales. He built up a good trade as a dealer in coal, his sales reaching a large figure annually, so that as time passed on his capital steadily increased and in 1902 he retired from that business. He is, however, still actively connected with the banking interests of the city as the president of the Durant Savings Bank, which was organized in 1889 with a capital of thirty thousand dollars. He aided in its organization, became one of its first directors and has since had voice in its managemnt as one of its directors and officers. F. C. Langfeldt is now the cashier of the bank and J. H. Meyhaus is the assistant cashier. The success of the institution is indicated in the fact

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that the capital stock has been increased to fifty thousand dollars and there is an undivided surplus of fifty thousand dollars. A general banking business is conducted and the methods employed are those which awaken confidence and secure a liberal patronage.

Mr. Wulf was married in Durant in 1873, to Miss Mary Husemann, who was born in Germany, and they have one child, Alvina, now the wife of George Trede, who is an agriculturist of Farmington township. Mr. and Mrs. Wulf occupy a beautiful home in Durant, supplied with all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

In exercising his right of franchise Mr. Wulf always considers the capability of a candidate and not his party affiliation, thus casting an independent ballot. He has served as township trustee and as a member of the city council and has always been deeply interested in the welfare of Durant, cooperating in many progressive measures for the general good. He belongs to the Turn Verein and to the Kranken Verein and also holds membership with Durant Lodge, No. 265, K. P. He started out in life a poor boy and on every milestone of life's journey for many years was inscribed the word "labor." He attributes not a little of his success to the assistance and good management of his wife. His own industry would not permit him to brook an obstacle that could be overcome by persistent and honorable effort and, moreover, in his business life he has displayed keen discernment, sound judgment and an aptitude for successful management. His prosperity therefore is well merited and the most envious cannot grudge him his success.

JAMES BURK, SR.

Among the well known and honored pioneers of Cedar county whose well directed efforts during their long connection with agricultural interests make it possible for them now in the evening of life to rest from active labor and enjoy the fruits of their former toil, is numbered James Burk, Sr. He is one of Ireland's contribution to the citizenship of Iowa, his birth occurring in County Cork. The period of his boyhood and youth was spent in his native land and there in the common schools he gained a fair education, which he has since greatly supplemented by wide reading and observation. When a young man of eighteen years he came to the new world in company with a sister, first taking up his residence in New Hampshire, where for about four years he was engaged as a section hand on a railroad, while later one year was spent in farming. It was on the 25th of October, 1855, that Mr. Burk laid the foundation for a happy home life of his own by his marriage in Concord, New Hampshire, to Miss Sebina McGowan, also a native of the Emerald Isle.

Immediately after his marriage Mr. Burk brought his bride to Iowa, where he soon became identified with the various interests of this great commonwealth, his connection therewith covering a long and honorable career. He first established his home at Tipton and aided materially in the upbuilding of that town, assisting in the erection of the new courthouse and also helping to lay out the

west eighty acres of Tipton addition and also Star addition. He purchased a residence there and continued to make that his home, being identified with the interests of that community until 1860, when he removed to Fremont township, Cedar county. His first purchase consisted of forty acres, upon which not a single improvement had been made and to the cultivation of which he at once turned his attention. Later he purchased more property from time to time until he ultimately owned a fine farm of two hundred and eighty acres to the development of which he directed his efforts until, under his wise management and careful supervision, it was eventually brought under a high state of cultivation. He introduced all modern improvements, erected a large and attractive residence, built two good barns and set out a fine grove and orchard. The place is not only enclosed with good woven wire fences but is thoroughly tiled and today presents the appearance of one of the well improved and valuable properties of that section of the county. In connection with his general farming he also engaged extensively in the raising and feeding of stock, and this branch of his business also proved most successful, bringing to him good annual returns. Industry, energy and perseverance have been the salient characteristics of his business career, and that his well directed efforts found merited reward is indicated by the fact that, although starting out in life a poor boy, empty-handed and with no favoring circumstances to aid him in his struggle, he has, through the intervening years, worked his way steadily upward until today he is able to put aside the cares of active business life and enjoy in honorable retirement the well earned rest that comes as a reward for long years of unfaltering endeavor and earnest toil.

With the passing years the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burk was blessed with five children, but the eldest son, William, has now passed away. He was a farmer of Dayton township, and was married and had two children, his wife passing away in May, 1910. Of the children still surviving, Lizzie resides in Tipton, where she is engaged in dress-making. She has thus been identified for the past twenty-five years and is a lady of most excellent business ability. Ellen and James Burk, Jr., both reside at home, the latter superintending the work of the home farm. Annie, the youngest member of the family, married Aaron Alshire, of Fremont township, but both have passed away, leaving a son.

In politics Mr. Burk is independent, always casting his ballot for the best men and most desirable measures. Prominent in local affairs, he has served as delegate to numerous county conventions, and, a stalwart champion of the cause of education, he was identified with the school board of Fremont township for over twenty years, serving as both president and treasurer of that organization. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Catholic church, and in all things having for their object the material, intellectual, political and moral upbuilding of the community he has ever been found a ready and willing cooperant. Coming to Cedar county in early manhood, when the history of this section of the country was still in its formative period, he has watched the growth and development of the country as wild prairie land has been transformed into rich farming districts, railroads have been built and other improvements introduced, and in the work of upbuilding and development he has taken his full share, his connection with public interests here being a long and useful one.

Although he has already passed the psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, he is yet deeply interested in the world's work. A man of sterling qualities, honorable and upright in principle and dealing, he can look back upon the past without regret and forward to the future without fear, secure in the high esteem and regard of a large circle of friends which extends throughout Cedar county.

JOHN ADAM MILLER.

Among the progressive and prosperous farmers of Inland township, Cedar county, whose efforts along agricultural lines are meeting with gratifying results, is numbered John Adam Miller. One of Iowa's native sons, he was born in Scott county on the 26th of November, 1865, his parents being Lorenz and Mary (Ehrecke) Miller. The father, whose birth occurred in Germany in 1833. was there educated and he came to America in 1850, arriving in Scott county about 1859. At the time of the Civil war he supported the Union cause, enlisting as a member of the Second Iowa Volunteer Cavalry under Colonel Hatch. With his command he saw much active service at the front and was with Grant at the battle of Vicksburg and participated in many other engagements, including Iuka, Corinth, Pittsburg Landing, Shiloh, and Antietam. He served throughout the entire war, holding the position of orderly sergeant and bugler. After the close of hostilities he returned to Scott county, where he was engaged in farming for about two years, after which he came to Cedar county, and here purchased eighty acres of land. A year or so later he traded that property in on one hundred and sixty acres, which became known as the Miller homestead and upon which he carried on general farming and stock-raising throughout the remainder of his life. He added to his place one hundred and twenty acres and still later bought one hundred and eighty acres in Center township, so that he subsequently became the owner of four hundred and sixty acres of valuable land in Inland, Farmington and Center townships, which is still in possession of the Miller family. He also became known in other lines of industry, being one of the organizers of the Durant Savings Bank and of the White Pigeon Fire Insurance Company. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, gave his political support to the republican party, and was prominent in community affairs, serving as justice of the peace, township trustee and school director. Although not a member of any church organization, his faith leaned toward the doctrine of the Lutheran church, and in his life he exemplified those qualities which speak for honorable and upright manhood. He occupied a high place in the esteem and regard of his fellowmen, and at the time of his death, which occurred on the 29th of December, 1892, the community lost one of its progressive, loyal and valued citizens. In 1865 he had married Miss Ehrecke, a daughter of Gottlieb Ehrecke, one of the pioneers of Muscatine county, Iowa, and unto them were born four sons and one daughter, all of whom yet survive, John A., Henry C., Herman G., R. L. and Ida Sybella.

John Adam Miller was but a little lad when his parents took up their abode in Cedar county, and on the old Miller homestead here he was reared to manhood, acquiring his early education in the common schools of this county. Later he entered the academy at Wilton, Iowa, and after his graduation therefrom was engaged in teaching school in his home district for three months, proving himself most capable in imparting to others the knowledge he had acquired. He also taught for one term in Center township, after which he rented a farm of one hundred and eighty acres from his father and was for six years identified with agricultural pursuits thereon. At the expiration of that period he removed to Wilton Junction and for eight years was engaged in various business enterprises in that city. He then returned to the one hundred and eighty acres upon which he had originally engaged in farming and made that his home for two years, after which he removed to the old homestead, which has been his place of residence for the past five years. Here he carries on general farming and the prosperity which crowns his efforts is an indication of the fact that he has been progressive in the conduct of his affairs, systematic in his methods and careful in his management. Industry, energy and perseverance have been salient features in his career, and the creditable position which he now occupies in agricultural circles in Inland township is the logical result of his own well directed efforts and intelligently applied labor.

It was on the 20th of March, 1889, that Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Cecelia Arp, a daughter of Peter and Helena Arp, pioneers of Scott county, Iowa. The father is now deceased but Mrs. Arp survives and makes her home in Hartley, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Miller have been born two children, Arthur Clarence and Lorenz Peter, both of whom are yet at home.

In his political belief Mr. Miller gives support to the republican party where national issues are involved but at local elections casts an independent ballot, standing for the best men and most desirable measures regardless of party ties. He takes a deep interest in all community affairs, although he has never sought to figure prominently in public life, and his influence can ever be counted upon to further those projects and measures which are matters of civic virtue and civic pride. Loyal in his citizenship, he is a worthy son of an honored father, and Inland township numbers him among her valued and representative residents.

JOHN H. COUTTS.

John H. Coutts was richly endowed with those traits of character which bind a man to his fellowmen in ties that naught but dishonor can sever. It is seldom that the death of a man not in public life calls forth such uniform sorrow or higher eulogium. Through the years of his residence in Cedar county, however—and that period covered his entire life—he had stood for all that is progressive and honorable in business and in citizenship. He was born at Red Oak Grove, Cedar county, Iowa, July 20, 1850, and his life span covered the intervening years to the 7th of January, 1904.

John H Coutts

His parents, William and Barbara Coutts, were natives of Scotland and crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1833, becoming residents of Ohio, where they remained until 1847, when they removed westward to Cedar county, Iowa. The father was a successful farmer and acquired considerable land. His family numbered seven children, of whom John H. Coutts was the eldest. The others are: William H., who is a graduate of the law school of the Iowa State University; Jennie, the wife of C. G. Wright; Sarah, the wife of Joseph Bunker; Mary, the wife of W. J. Moore; Ida, who married Dr. R. A. Nash; and Martha E.

In the common schools John H. Coutts pursued his education, supplementing his early training by study in the public schools of Tipton. His youthful days were spent upon the home farm, where he was not only trained to habits of industry in the fields but also developed traits of thrift and integrity, being taught those principles that make for good citizenship and strong character. His early training was manifest throughout his entire life. He stood ever as a man of unquestionable integrity and of high principle. On the 19th of March, 1878, he removed from the Red Oak Grove farm to a farm a mile east of Tipton and thereon made his home for twenty years. In his agricultural pursuits as in all else he believed in continuous advancement and utilized all the modern methods which he deemed of practical value in the development of the fields and the care of the crops. At length he turned from private life to the duties of public office, having been elected county treasurer, which position he filled for four years.

In the year 1891 Mr. Coutts became interested in banking and in the following year purchased a controlling interest in the First National Bank of Tipton. He was elected as president and remained at the head of that institution until the expiration of its charter on the 3rd of June, 1903. He then organized the City National Bank and was again elected president, which position he filled until the time of his death. In 1892 he also established the J. H. Coutts Bank of Stanwood, Iowa, and subsequently the bank was incorporated under the name of the Stanwood Savings Bank. All with whom he had dealings had implicit confidence in his ability and integrity. In the conduct of the banking business he carefully safeguarded the interests of depositors as well as of the institution, and his sound judgment enabled him to correctly solve the intricate problems of finance. He assisted in organizing and was the treasurer of the Tipton Light & Heating Company, and subsequently he took an active part in the organization of the Eastern Iowa Loan & Building Association of Tipton, of which he was treasurer. He was likewise instrumental in the organization of the Tipton Hotel Association, erecting the first good hotel building Tipton ever had. His labors were at all times of a character that contributed largely to the improvement and upbuilding of the city as well as to individual success.

On the 27th of March, 1901, Mr. Coutts was united in marriage to Mrs. Martha Peet, a daughter of Reuben and Martha Swartzlander, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. They came to Cedar county in 1840 and both remained residents here until called to their final rest. The death of Mr. Coutts occurred on the 7th of January, 1904, and his widow now resides in Los Angeles, California.

He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He held strong religious views although he did not belong to any church organization. He gave liberally, however, to the support of the church he attended and his influence was always on the side of right and moral development. He was one of the founders of the Modern Brotherhood of America, became its first supreme treasurer and was a member of its first board of directors. In politics he was a Jeffersonian democrat and was deeply interested in all public enterprises for the good of his home town. His social qualities, too, were of a nature which made him a warm friend of all with whom he came in contact, and of Tipton's citizens none were more faultless in honor, fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation.

HON. R. W. HINKHOUSE.

About six miles south of the famous battle ground of Gettysburg, in the state of Maryland, the Hon. R. W. Hinkhouse was born August 17, 1850, but that section of the country did not long claim him, as in 1853 he was brought by his parents to Iowa, the family arriving at Davenport after six weeks en route. Soon afterward they removed to a place known as Limestone Farm, on section 14, Sugar Creek township, and it was there that R. W. Hinkhouse was reared to the age of twenty-one years, spending his youthful days in the usual manner of farm lads, save that the routine duties of the farm were varied by the work of burning lime, for the father had a large lime kiln upon the place.

His parents were Frederick and Hannah (Hunick) Hinkhouse, the former born in Hanover, Germany, in 1818, and the latter in Prussia in 1827. Mr. Hinkhouse landed at Baltimore, Maryland, in 1840, while his wife was only about nine years of age when she came with her parents to the new world. They were married in Pennsylvania and their last days were spent in Cedar county, Iowa. The death of the father occurred December 9, 1885, while his wife passed away December 5, 1908. He not only followed farming and stock-raising but was also successfully engaged in the manufacture of lime. He was likewise widely known as a breeder of shorthorn cattle and had an exceptionally fine herd. From time to time he made further investment in land and at his death owned about fourteen hundred acres, of which five hundred acres were comprised within the borders of the home place, which he operated. He was a Lutheran in his religious belief in early life but after coming to Iowa joined the Presbyterian church. In his political views he was a democrat and held various township offices for a number of years.

Unto him and his wife were born eleven children, namely: Mrs. Alice Hellyer, now living in Newton, Iowa; Francis, who was killed by a horse when eleven years of age; R. W., of this review; Mrs. Ellen Ridenour, who died in Iowa township; Caroline; Amelia, who died at the age of three years; Rev. J. F. Hinkhouse of Fairfield, Iowa, who is financial agent for Parsons College of that place; Mrs. Mary Whitmer, of Sioux City; Emma, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Simon, whose home is in San Antonio, Texas; and Aaron, who married and at his death left a widow.

Throughout the period of his youth R. W. Hinkhouse attended the country school and later became a student in the Normal School at Wilton under Professor J. B. Harris, one of the best known educators of that day. In the winter of 1870 he broke one of his legs and was thus unable to do any manual labor for some time. While going around on crutches he taught the first term of school conducted in the White Pigeon schoolhouse. When the injured member had healed he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, operating a rented farm, on which he did his own housekeeping for two years. He was the owner of a horse his father had given him while it was a colt and in addition he possessed ninety dollars in money that he had saved from his four months' salary at teaching. Thus equipped he began farming on his own account and continued to cultivate rented land, as previously stated, for two years.

In 1873, however, Mr. Hinkhouse went to Kansas, where he engaged in prospecting and farming for a few months and at the end of that time he resumed farming in Cedar county, settling in Farmington township, where he resided until 1900. For ten years he rented land and then purchased one hundred and sixty acres which he improved and developed. Year after year he carefully tilled the fields, rotating the crops and securing the latest improved machinery to facilitate his work. As time passed his labors met with substantial returns. In 1900, however, he sold his property and temporarily located upon a farm east of Rochester. In 1901 he traveled over the corn belt of the United States and became convinced that the best opportunities and the cheapest lands were to be secured in and around West Liberty. Accordingly he invested in five hundred and fifty-five and one-half acres known as the A. E. Kimberley farm, on section 29, Iowa township, and since that time he has added to his property as he has found advantageous opportunity until he now owns ten hundred and sixty acres of valuable land in one body. He also has a farm adjoining West Liberty on the north and comprising one hundred and sixty-eight acres of land. This is a valuable property worth two hundred and fifty dollars per acre. On his extensive tract of ten hundred and sixty acres he has four sets of good buildings which are far above the average. The land is devoted to the raising of grain and stock and the business there conducted is proving very profitable, so that Mr. Hinkhouse secures a gratifying income from his investment.

It has not been along agricultural lines alone, however, that Mr. Hinkhouse has won success. He is recognized as a business man of marked enterprise and of an initiative spirit and because of these qualities he has assisted in organizing four different banks, including the Union Savings Bank of Wilton, Iowa, of which he was a director for a number of years, the Wilton Savings Bank, the Atalissa Savings Bank, of which he is now a director, and the Downey Savings Bank, of which he is now vice president. He is also a stockholder in the Iowa State Bank at West Liberty. He finds a ready solution for the intricate problems of finance and his sound judgment has constituted a valuable factor in the successful control of these different institutions. He is also one of the directors of the White Pigeon Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Wilton.

In his political views Mr. Hinkhouse has been a life-long democrat and is one of three members of that party who have been chosen to represent the county in the state legislature. He served as a member of the twenty-sixth regular session of the general assembly and through the extra session called by Governor Drake. Previous to his election to the legislature he served as county supervisor for six years and during four years of that time was chairman of the board. It was during that period that the courthouse was remodeled and a new jail built and equipped with modern cages, also the Cedar Valley bridge was built across the Cedar river and many other important public improvements were made. Mr. Hinkhouse has always stood for progress and advancement, and his labors as a public official and as a private citizen have constituted an important element in the county's growth and upbuilding. His religious faith is indicated in the fact that he is a member of the Presbyterian church of Sugar Creek.

On the 23d of September, 1875, Mr. Hinkhouse was united in marriage to Miss Anna Smiley, who was born near Clearfield, Pennsylvania, and came to Cedar county with her parents in 1869. She is a daughter of William and Jane (Glasgow) Smiley, both of whom died in this state. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hinkhouse were born seven children, namely: George V., who is conducting the home farm in Iowa township in connection with his brother Fred; Albert J., who is operating a farm in Iowa township; Verda, who is the wife of C. A. Mountain of Springdale township, and has three children, Mina, Bonita and Norwood; Myrtle, who is a graduate of Grinnell College, and is now attending a medical college in Philadelphia, taking a three years' preparatory course under the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions; Fred W., who is in partnership with his brother George; Clarence Glenn, who was born March 9, 1891, and died June 19, 1909; and Nellie D., who is at home.

Mr. Hinkhouse is residing temporarily in West Liberty in order to educate his youngest daughter. His has been an active and useful life in which he has won success and also the high regard of his fellowmen. He has lived in the county for fifty-seven years and throughout the entire period has commanded the confidence and good-will of all with whom he has been associated. His record in all his public as well as private relations has merited the trust and respect of his fellowmen and because of his prominence and what he has accomplished, he well deserves mention in this volume.

George V. Hinkhouse, now closely associated with farming interests in Iowa township, was born on the old home place in Farmington township, August 8, 1876. There he acquired his early education, afterward attending Highland Park College at Des Moines. At the close of his school work there he returned home and was associated with his father in business until he and his brother Fred took charge of the old home farm, which they have since cultivated. George Hinkhouse is also serving as treasurer of the school district and is well known as a stanch advocate of democratic principles.

Albert J. Hinkhouse was born in Farmington township in December, 1878, and has always resided in this county, making his home for nine years in Iowa township. He, too, has made farming his life work and now owns two hundred and sixty acres of land on sections 19 and 20. This is well improved,

much of the work thereon being done by the present occupant. He is now building a barn forty by seventy feet with a concrete floor and basement, which will be one of the best barns in the county. The place is appropriately termed "Evergreen Farm," because of the large number of evergreen trees that surround his home. Here he carries on general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising and his business ability is manifest in his success. He received a diploma from the country schools at the age of sixteen years and afterward spent four winters in the Wilton schools. His political allegiance has always been given the democracy, but he has never sought nor desired office. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church of Wilton and his many excellent traits of character have won him high regard. In 1904 he married Evelyn L. Cole, who was born in Jasper county, Iowa, in 1881, a daughter of Francis and Sarah F. Cole. After the death of her husband Mrs. Cole married again and now resides in Cedar Rapids. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hinkhouse have been born two children, Nevin R. and Hazel Marie.

Fred W. Hinkhouse was born in Farmington township, February 19, 1886, and has spent his entire life in this county, his attention being given to general agricultural pursuits. He is a graduate of the school of Springdale and also attended the American State Agricultural College. He is an enthusiast on the subject of progressive and scientific agriculture and has been most active in advocating progress along that line.

Myrtle J. Hinkhouse has made a creditable record as a teacher. She was born in Farmington township, November 26, 1883, is a graduate of Grinnell College of the class of 1908, having previously attended Wilton Academy, from which she was graduated. She has devoted two years to teaching in the country schools and her work in that direction has given excellent satisfaction.

The Hinkhouse family is a prominent one in this part of the state and their labors have been of material benefit to the county in the development and progress of its agricultural interests. The work instituted by Frederick Hinkhouse has been carried on by his son, R. W. Hinkhouse, and is now being further promoted by the latter's sons, who are all representative and valued business men of this portion of the state.

D. T. NICOLL, M. D.

Dr. D. T. Nicoll is one of the prominent and well known members of the medical profession of Cedar county. He has engaged in the practice of his profession in Iowa since 1898, at which time he located in Clinton county. He is now well established in business in Clarence and has a wide acquaintance in this—his native—county for he was born in Cedar county on the 1st of December, 1866. His father, Andrew Nicoll, was a native of Scotland and was brought to the new world when a lad of seven years by his father, Andrew Nicoll, Sr., who first settled in Delaware county, New York. Andrew Nicoll, Jr., was reared in the Empire state and was there married to Isabella McGregor, who was born

and reared in that county. For some years after his marriage Mr. Nicoll carried on farming in the Empire state and then came west to Illinois, where he spent one season. About 1858 he came to Iowa, establishing his home in Cedar county, with the development and improvement of which he was closely identified for a long period. He bought wild land and opened up a farm, becoming the owner of a well improved property of three hundred and twenty acres. Andrew Nicoll, Jr., lost his first wife, her death occurring in 1868 in Delaware county, New York, whither she had returned on a visit. Becoming ill, she there passed away and her remains were laid to rest in her native county. Mr. Nicoll afterward married again. He was a well known farmer of Cedar county and here reared his family but subsequently removed to Tarkio, Missouri, where he is now living practically retired.

Upon the home farm near Clarence Dr. Nicoll spent his youthful days and his literary education was completed by study in the Clarence high school. Resolving to make the practice of medicine his life work, he began reading in the office and under the direction of Dr. Anderson, a well known physician of Clarence, and subsequently pursued a full course in the Northwestern University at Chicago, taking his first course of lectures in the fall of 1888. In due time he completed his studies there and was graduated with the class of 1891. He then located at Kingston, Wisconsin, where he began practicing but afterward removed to Kilbourn, where he resided for five years.

Dr. Nicoll was married at Kingston on the 10th of February, 1892, to Miss Jessie M. Hewett, a native of Wisconsin, who spent her girlhood and acquired her education in Kingston, her native city. Her parents, C. P. and Sarah Hewett, were both natives of Ohio and became early settlers of the Badger state. Dr. and Mrs. Nicoll now have one son, Charles A.

In 1898 Dr. Nicoll removed to Clinton, Iowa, where he continued in practice for three years and in 1901 came to Clarence, since which time he has followed his profession in this city. He has built up a fine practice and is recognized as one of the leading members of the profession in Cedar county, possessing a comprehensive knowledge of the principles of medicine, while his keen and discriminating judgment is manifest in his correct application of scientific principles to the needs of suffering humanity. He also has charge of and manages his father's old farm of three hundred and twenty acres, on which he has a tenant and other help. He, however, personally supervises the work of the farm, which is devoted to general agricultural purposes and to the raising and feeding of stock for the market. He is an excellent business man of keen discrimination and sagacity and in addition to his other interests he owns the business block in Clarence in which his office is located. He likewise has a good residence in town and is now most comfortably situated financially.

Dr. Nicoll and wife, moreover, occupy an enviable position in social circles and their home is the abode of generous and warm-hearted hospitality. They are members of the Clarence Presbyterian church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful part, Dr. Nicoll now serving as one of the elders. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the blue lodge at Clarence and to the consistory at Clinton. He likewise holds membership with the Modern Woodmen and the Yeomen and is examining physician for these

lodges. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have frequently called him to public office. He has served in the town council and as a member of the school board for a number of years and has also been health officer of Clarence. No trust reposed in him whether of a public or private nature is betrayed in the slightest degree. He performs every duty with a sense of conscientious obligation and his honor in both public and private life is alike unsullied. He works toward high standards in his professional service, manifests the utmost reliability in all business transactions, and in all the relations of his daily life shows that he believes in the truth of the universal brotherhood of mankind.

WILLIAM BIERKAMP.

Germany has furnished many worthy residents to Cedar county and among this number is William Bierkamp, who was born in Hanover on the 18th of September, 1849. His father, August Bierkamp, was also a native of that country and after arriving at years of maturity he married Hannah Diedtrich. They remained residents of Germany until 1857, when they emigrated to the United States and locating in Scott county, Iowa, spent two years upon a farm near where the village of Eldridge now stands. Then they removed to the vicinity of Stockton, Cedar county, and afterward took up their abode upon a farm west of Durant. Mr. Bierkamp was a practical, energetic agriculturist and his labors were crowned with success. He died in 1879, while his wife survived him four years, passing away in 1883.

The boyhood of William Bierkamp was spent in Germany, where his education was acquired in the common schools, he remaining in his native country with is grandparents when his father and mother came to the United States. Later they visited their old home and he then accompanied them to the new world. After reaching this country he worked for others at whatever he could find to do but later learned the wagonmaker's trade and eventually engaged in business on his own account, conducting a shop in Durant for a few years, and then engaged in the implement business until three years ago. His unfaltering industry, determination and perseverance have constituted the salient features in his success. As he prospered he invested in land and is now the owner of considerable farm property, from which he derives a substantial income. On closing out his implement business he turned his attention to the real-estate business, in which he is now engaged. He has made substantial, rapid and honorable progress in the business world and in business matters his judgment is seldom, if ever, at fault. Aside from his other interests he is connected with banking and has served as president of banks in Bennett and Durant.

Mr. Bierkamp was married in Durant on the 2d of September, 1874, to Miss Minnie Feldhahn, who was born in Wisconsin, September 6, 1853. Their children are seven in number, namely: William H., who is a banker of Denver, Colorado; Gustave, who lives in western Iowa; Frank, a resident of Durant, who is in the employ of the International Harvester Company; Rosa, the wife of Clint Huch-

endorf of Durant; Albert Harry, cashier of a bank at Cuba, Illinois; Otto, a jeweler at Durant; and Walter, who is in a bank at Groton, South Dakota.

In his political views Mr. Bierkamp has ever been a republican since becoming a naturalized American citizen. He keeps well informed on the questions of the day and is thus able to support his position by intelligent argument. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to local offices and he has efficiently served as mayor of Durant and as justice of the peace, his decisions in the latter office being strictly fair and impartial, while his service in the former was characterized by progressive methods and a practical administration of the business of the office. For twenty-four years he has been connected with the school board and twenty years of that time was president. He has ever been a believer in a thorough education as an equipment for life's practical duties and in office has done much to promote the interests of the schools. He is a member of the Turner Society and of the Modern Woodmen of America at Durant. The community has ever found in him a public-spirited citizen—one whose efforts can be counted upon to further public progress. Moreover, he deserves to be numbered among the self-made men, for his earnest and unremitting labor, intelligently directed, has constituted the basis of his success, bringing him from a humble position in business circles to a place of prominence, while his life record proves moreover that prosperity and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

F. H. MILLIGAN.

F. H. Milligan is vice president of the Farmers & Merchants Savings Bank and also one of the prominent live-stock dealers of Cedar county. His life history is another proof of the fact that success is not a matter of genius or of fortunate circumstances, as held by some, but is the outcome of clear judgment, experience and carefully directed energy. Recognizing the needs of the growing community, he has cooperated in movements which have met these needs and today his is an honored name not only in financial circles but wherever he is known.

He was born near Pittsburg, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, July 14, 1853, and is a son of Alexander S. and Anna C. (Hawkins) Milligan, who were likewise natives of Pennsylvania, the father having been born on the farm where the birth of F. H. Milligan occurred, while the mother was born on an adjoining farm. Each was the eldest in a family of six children. Mrs. Milligan died January 27, 1857, when the subject of this review was only three years and three months old and the father afterward married again, his second union being with Miss Maggie B. Bishop, a native of Indiana. His children were three in number: F. H.; Anna C., the wife of Charles Crawford, of Crawfordsville, Indiana; and Charles W., who is living near the old home farm in Pennsylvania. The mother, Mrs. Anna C. Milligan, was a daughter of William G. and Margaret (Dillinger) Hawkins, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Philadelphia. They went to Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, soon after their marriage

and, although Mr. Hawkins was then the possessor of a capital of only twenty-five dollars, he died a rich man. He was an attorney and for many years continued in the practice of law, also engaging in the real-estate business. He had six children, Anna C., Minerva, James, John, William and Mamie. Of these Anna and William were the only ones who ever married. The latter has been judge of the orphans court of Allegheny county for the past thirty years and is still upon the bench, being the only judge that ever presided over that court.

F. H. Milligan spent the first nine years of his life in the state of his nativity, and in 1862 came to Cedar county, Iowa, with his father. At that time there were no bridges across the Mississippi river and the train was carried across on a ferryboat. The family resided in Tipton until 1865, when they removed to Greencastle, Putnam county, Indiana, where they remained until 1867 and then returned to Pittsburg. F. H. Milligan acquired his education in the schools of the various places in which the days of his boyhood and youth were passed. Following the return to Pennsylvania in 1867 he was employed upon the farm of his grandfather, Robert Milligan, until 1875. The year 1876 was devoted to railroading.

On the 25th of December, 1877, he was united in marriage to Miss Sadie A. Irvine, who was born near Harrisburg in Perry county, Pennsylvania, on the 2d of October, 1853, and is a daughter of James and Isabelle (Typer) Irvine, who were also natives of Pennsylvania, where they spent their entire lives. In the year following his marriage Mr. Milligan brought his young wife to Cedar county and settled on a farm three and three-fourths miles northeast of Tipton, at what is known as Bunker Grove. There he carried on general agricultural pursuits for twenty years, owning and cultivating a valuable farm of four hundred acres. At one time he owned five hundred and sixty acres and he made the improvements upon it, devoting his land to raising both grain and stock. He brought his fields under a high state of cultivation and in the course of years developed a valuable property. About thirteen years ago he came to Tipton and purchased his present home on Eighth street. After taking up his abode here he was engaged in the grocery business for two years in connection with J. W. Dean under the firm name of Milligan & Dean. He was afterward connected with no business for a time and then entered the clothing trade in partnership with his son-in-law, Mearl Clark, under the firm style of Milligan & Clark. This association was maintained for two and a half years, at the end of which time Mr. Milligan withdrew. He has since been engaged in feeding cattle and has also figured prominently in banking circles. He became one of the charter members and directors of the old Tipton Savings Bank and upon the death of H. L. Dean, the president, Mr. Milligan succeeded to the presidency and when that bank was merged with the Home Savings Bank under the name of the Farmers & Merchants Savings Bank, Mr. Milligan was made vice president, a position which he has since held. The Tipton Savings Bank was organized in 1892 and he has since been engaged in the banking business. He is also a stockholder in the Cedar County State Bank and for several years has been engaged in dealing in Dakota lands. His business interests are capably conducted and his keen insight enables him to so direct his efforts as to attain the highest degree of success possible at a given point.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Milligan have been born five children: Anna C., now the wife of Mearl Clark, a merchant of Tipton; Flora I., the present librarian of the Carnegie Public Library of Tipton; Grace M., who makes her home with an aunt at Crawfordsville, Indiana; Alexander S., a merchant tailor of Cedar Rapids; and Mary, at home. All of the children were born upon the home farm in Cedar county. The daughter Grace and Mr. Milligan's sister, Mrs. Crawford, belong to the Daughters of the American Revolution, being eligible because of the service of a maternal ancestor, Colonel George Wilson, who became a lieutenant colonel of the Eighth Regiment of the Pennsylvania line in 1776. He marched with his regiment from Kittanning over the mountains, reaching the seat of war in the spring of 1777, and died from exposure at Quibbletown, near Amboy, New Jersey, in April of that year.

In his political views Mr. Milligan is an earnest republican and became the successor to Colonel Rowell in the city council when the latter moved away. At the next regular election he was elected and is now serving on the city board. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and of the Knights of Pythias, and his life presents many creditable phases, in harmony with his professions. Ever upright and honorable, he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, having worked his way steadily upward by determined and straightforward effort.

CHARLES E. READ.

Charles E. Read, for eighteen years engaged in the lumber business in Clarence, during which period his straightforward and honorable methods and earnest effort to please his patrons have secured for him the good-will and high regard of the general public, is a native of Erie county, Pennsylvania. His birth occurred December 7, 1856, his father being George C. Read, who was born in the Keystone state in 1827. His youthful days were there passed, and having arrived at years of maturity he chose Adaline S. Yost, also a native of Pennsylvania, as a companion and helpmate for life's journey. For several years after his marriage Mr. Read followed farming in his native state and in 1859 came to Iowa, settling upon a farm in Sharon township, Clinton county. It was an improved tract of land which he continued to cultivate until 1889. In the meantime—in 1887—he had lost his wife and two years later removed to Crawford, Nebraska. There he engaged in the furniture business for twelve years, after which he sold out and returned to Ida Grove, Iowa, where he made his home with his daughter until called to his final rest on the 21st of December, 1909. There were only two sons and a daughter in his family, the brother of Charles E. Read being E. B. Read, a farmer living near Sedalia in Pettis county, Missouri. The sister, Fidelia, is the wife of E. C. Mill, a business man of Ida Grove, Iowa.

Charles E. Read was reared to manhood in Clinton county and after acquiring his early education in the common schools attended a commercial college at Davenport. Through the periods of vacation he gave his father the

benefit of his services upon the home farm and after attaining his majority purchased a farm in Clinton county, Iowa. That he might have a home of his own and a companion for life's journey he was married in Clinton county on the 19th of November, 1879, to Miss G. A. Deming, who was born in Cedar county, Iowa, and is a daughter of T. C. Deming, one of the early settlers from Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Read began their domestic life upon a farm in Clinton county but remained there only one year. Later they removed to Nebraska and he engaged in the lumber business at Crawford for about a year and a half. On the expiration of that period he sold out and came to Clarence, where he has since made his home.

In 1891 Mr. Read was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 19th of October of that year and was laid to rest in Smithtown, Clinton county. There were two children by that marriage: George D., who is engaged in the furniture business with his uncle at Ida Grove, Iowa; and Maud, now deceased. In April, 1894, Mr. Reed married Miss Ida Elizabeth Dexter, who was born in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, and was a daughter of J. J. Dexter, also a native of the Keystone state, where his youthful days were passed. He was educated at North Platte Seminary, Pennsylvania, and for a number of years was a teacher there. In the Keystone state he wedded Elizabeth J. Thornton. Removing to Iowa in 1868, they settled in Cedar county and for a number of years Mr. Dexter carried on general agricultural pursuits. Subsequently he removed to Clarence, where he was engaged in the lumber business for a number of years, or until he retired from active life in 1901. His first wife died in 1887. They were the parents of three children: Emma, deceased; Mrs. C. E. Read; and Kathryn. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dexter were active and devoted members of the Methodist church. In 1902 Mr. Dexter married Mrs. Sarah Flansburg, whose death occurred in Berne, New York, September 6, 1910, just a week prior to the death of her husband, who passed away September 12, 1910. They were visiting friends in the Empire state when called in death by apoplexy. Mr. Dexter gave his political allegiance to the republican party and manifested a progressive spirit in citizenship and loyalty to every cause which he espoused. Mrs. Read was a young girl when she came with her parents to Iowa and here her girlhood days were passed, her early education being supplemented by study in Cornell College at Mount Vernon. Prior to her marriage she engaged in teaching. Mr. and Mrs. Read have two sons, twins, Maurice Dexter and Norris Edwin, born September 15, 1899. They also lost a son, Niel Dexter, who died at the age of seventeen months.

Mr. Read has resided in Clarence continuously since 1891, in which year he purchased an interest in the lumber business with which he was connected until November, 1908. He built up an extensive trade in that line and his well directed labors were crowned with gratifying prosperity. Moreover, he contributed to the substantial progress and development of Clarence in other ways. He aided in the organization of the First National Bank, became one of its stockholders and was chosen its first vice president. He not only owns a nice residence in the town but also a farm of two hundred and forty acres in Hall township, Jones county; a farm of two hundred and fifteen acres near Clarence; and another tract of one hundred and sixty acres west of the town. The three farms

are well improved properties from which he derives a substantial income. He owns altogether six hundred and fifty acres of valuable land in Iowa, together with twenty-one hundred acres in Texas, mostly timber land near Fort Worth. He started out in life a poor boy; he is today one of the substantial citizens of Cedar county. His success has its root in close application, earnest purpose and unfaltering diligence.

Mr. Read proudly cast his first vote in support of republican principles and has been a lifelong advocate of the party. He has served as a delegate to county conventions but has never sought nor desired office as a reward for party fealty. He and his wife are active and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church and do all in their power to promote the growth and advance the interests of the church work in its various departments. They have spent several winters in the south. Mr. Read's success enables them now to enjoy the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. In business he has improved every legitimate opportunity and as the years have gone by has gained a place not only among the prosperous residents of Cedar county but also among the progressive and public-spirited citizens who enjoy the honor and respect of all who know them.

CHARLES LONGLEY RIGBY.

Charles Longley Rigby, residing on section 22, Fremont township, is one of the prominent farmers and stockmen of the county, cultivating a tract of six hundred and forty acres of valuable land within a mile and a half of Stanwood, known as the Evergreen Farm. He is likewise well known as the president of the Union Savings Bank and his name is an honored one in financial circles here. One of the worthy native sons of Cedar county, his birth occurred in Stanwood on the 20th of February, 1874. His paternal grandfather, Washington Rigby, took up his abode among the earliest settlers of this county, coming from Ohio in 1836. Here he entered land and opened up a farm, accumulating almost one thousand acres. This property included the tract of six hundred and forty acres which is now in possession of our subject.

William T. Rigby, the father of Charles L. Rigby, was born in Red Oak township, Cedar county, in 1842, and was here reared and married. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Eva Cattron, is a native of Delaware county, Ohio. On reaching mature years he took up general agricultural pursuits, operating and improving the farm of six hundred and forty acres which now belongs to his son. He set out a twenty-acre grove of evergreen and larch trees and devoted his time and energies to farming interests until 1891, when he removed to Mount Vernon in order that his children might enjoy better educational advantages. In 1899 he went to Vicksburg, Mississippi, and has there resided continuously since, being chairman of the National Park Association at that place.

Charles Longley Rigby was reared under the parental roof and obtained his education at Cornell College, being graduated in 1894. He then returned to the old homestead farm in Fremont township and has since been successfully engaged in its operation, the well tilled fields annually yielding golden harvests

as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them. In connection with the tilling of the soil he buys and feeds stock, fattening from sixteen to twenty carloads of cattle, hogs and sheep annually. He is also a stockholder and for some years was a director of the Union Savings Bank, of which institution he is now the chief executive officer. His understanding of modern banking methods and his diligence and progressive spirit constitute him a valued factor in the successful control and promotion of this enterprise.

On the 23d of March, 1898, at Rockford, Iowa, Mr. Rigby was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Billings, a native of Iowa. Our subject is a republican in politics but has never sought nor desired office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to the blue lodge at Mount Vernon. He enjoys an extensive acquaintance in Cedar, Johnson, Jones and adjoining counties and well merits the regard and esteem which are uniformly accorded him.

AUGUST HINRICHS.

August Hinrichs was born in Hanover, Germany, June 16, 1867, a son of Henry and Catherine (Cassier) Hinrichs, who were likewise natives of Germany, the father having been born there on the 6th of September, 1839, while the mother's birth occurred December 13, 1838. When their son August was three years of age they came with their family to America, settling in Lowden, Cedar county. There the father engaged for a time in railroading and also conducted a grain elevator until 1878, when he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Massillon township. In 1892 he and his wife sold the farm and removed to the village of Lowden, where they have since lived, the father having retired from business life. The family of Henry Hinrichs numbered five children: August, of this review; Dora, deceased; Louise, the wife of William Hartwig, of Fairfield township; Wilhelmina, the wife of A. Nieting, of Lowden; and Anna, the wife of Fred Peters, of Clarence.

At the age of twenty-three years August Hinrichs started out to make his own way in the world and purchased eighty acres of land in Springfield township, where he built the Golden Star creamery. This he conducted successfully for fifteen years, when he realized the necessity of increasing his landed possessions. So he sold his eighty-acre tract and purchased the farm of two hundred and forty acres upon which he now lives, the place being conveniently located two miles north of Bennett.

On the 18th of September, 1890, Mr. Hinrichs was united in marriage to Sophia Conrad, who was born in Springfield township, Cedar county, July 6, 1869, a daughter of Henry and Wilhelmina (Mueller) Conrad, natives of Germany. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hinrichs are: Selina, born on the 20th of June, 1891, and now living at home; August, born July 22, 1896, and now deceased; Gustav, born December 17, 1900; and Rudolf, born March 4, 1907.

Mr. Hinrichs and his wife are members of the Evangelical church of Bennett. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp and to the Brotherhood of

America. Politically he has always been a democrat. For twenty-one years he has served as secretary of the Springfield township school board; in 1900 was elected township trustee and held that office until elected county supervisor in 1908 for a term of three years. That he has been a faithful public servant is attested by the fact that at the general election in November, 1910, he was re-elected as county supervisor. There being no opposing candidate, he was unanimously chosen by his district to again represent them in the county board.

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